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## COUNCIL

## COUNCIL DECISION

of 14 February 2006

**concerning the conclusion of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Community and its Member States of the one part, and the Republic of Lebanon, of the other part**

(2006/356/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 310 thereof, in conjunction with the second sentence of the first subparagraph of Article 300(2) and the second subparagraph of Article 300(3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the assent of the European Parliament,

Whereas:

- (1) The Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Community and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Lebanon, of the other part, has been signed on behalf of the European Community, in Luxembourg on 17 June 2002, subject to the reserve of an eventual conclusion at a later date.
- (2) The Agreement should be approved,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

1. The Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Lebanon, of the other part, the annexes and protocols to the Agreement, as well as the joint declarations and the declarations of the European Community included in the final act, are approved on behalf of the European Community.

2. The texts mentioned in paragraph 1 form part of this Decision.

*Article 2*

1. The position to be taken by the Community in the context of the Association Council and of the Association Committee, is to be defined by the Council, on the proposal of the Commission, or, if the case arises, by the Commission, in conformity with the relevant provisions of the Treaties.

2. In conformity with Article 75 of the Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement, the President of the Council will chair the Association Council. A representative of the Commission will chair the Association Committee, according to the agreed procedural rules.

3. The decision to publish the decisions of the Association Council and of the Association Committee in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* will be taken in each case respectively by the Council and the Commission.

*Article 3*

The President of the Council is authorised to designate the person(s) empowered to proceed, in behalf of the European Community, to deposit the act of notification foreseen in Article 91 of the Agreement.

Done at Brussels, 14 February 2006.

*For the Council*  
*The President*  
K.-H. GRASSER