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ANNEX 1

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to the

Proposal for a Council Decision

on the position to be taken, on behalf of the European Union, within the Joint Committee established by the Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin as regards the request of Georgia to become a Contracting Party to that Convention

ATTACHMENT

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DECISION OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONAL CONVENTION ON PAN-EURO-MEDITERRANEAN PREFERENTIAL RULES OF ORIGIN

No .

of

as regards the request of Georgia to become a Contracting Party to the Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin

The Joint Committee,

Having regard to the Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin¹, hereafter 'the Convention',

Whereas:

- (1) Article 5(1) of the Convention provides that a third party may become a Contracting Party to the Convention, provided that the candidate country or territory has a free trade agreement in force, providing for preferential rules of origin, with at least one of the Contracting Parties.
- (2) Georgia submitted a written request for accession to the Convention to the depositary of the Convention on 23 September 2015.
- (3) Georgia has a free trade agreement in force with two Contracting Parties to the Convention and complies with the condition set out in Article 5(1) of the Convention to become a Contracting Party.
- (4) Article 4(3)(b) of the Convention provides that the Joint Committee shall adopt by Decision invitations to third parties to accede to the Convention,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Georgia shall be invited to accede to the Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its adoption.

¹ OJ L 54, 26.2.2013, p. 4.

Done at Brussels,

For the Joint Committee

The Chair