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to the

Proposal for a Council Decision

establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the EPA Committee set up by the stepping stone Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Central Africa Party, of the other part, concerning the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union

ATTACHMENT

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DECISION No .../2018 OF THE EPA COMMITTEE

set up by the stepping stone Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Central Africa Party, of the other part,

of [date]

concerning the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union

THE EPA COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the stepping stone Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Central Africa Party, of the other part, (the ‘Agreement’), signed in Brussels on 15 January 2009, and applied on a provisional basis since 4 August 2014, and in particular Articles 100, 102 and 107 thereof,

Having regard to the Treaty concerning the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union (‘the Union’), and the act of accession to the Agreement deposited by the Republic of Croatia on 8 November 2017,

Whereas:

- (1) Under the terms of the Agreement and this Decision, the Central Africa Party is composed of the Republic of Cameroon.
- (2) This Agreement shall apply, on the one hand, to the territories in which the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (‘TFEU’) is applied and under the conditions laid down in that Treaty and, on the other hand, to the territory of the Republic of Cameroon.
- (3) Article 102(3) of the Agreement provides that the EPA Committee may decide on any amending measures which might be necessary following the accession of new Member States to the European Union,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Republic of Croatia, as a Party to the Agreement, shall, in the same manner as the other Member States of the Union, respectively adopt and take note of the texts of the Agreement, as well as the Annexes, Protocols and Declarations attached thereto.

Article 2

The Agreement is amended as follows: Article 107 is replaced by the following:

‘Article 107

Authentic texts

This Agreement is drawn up in duplicate in the Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian,

Maltese, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovak, Slovenian, Spanish and Swedish languages, each of these texts being equally authentic.’

Article 3

The Union shall communicate to the Republic of Cameroon the Croatian language version of the Agreement.

Article 4

The provisions of the Agreement shall apply to goods exported from either the Republic of Cameroon to the Republic of Croatia or from the Republic of Croatia to the Republic of Cameroon, which comply with the rules of origin in force in the territories of the Parties to the Agreement and which on 4 August 2014 were either in transit or in temporary storage, in a customs warehouse or in a free zone in the Republic of Cameroon or in the Republic of Croatia.

Preferential treatment shall be granted in the cases referred to in the first paragraph, subject to the submission to the customs authorities of the importing country, within four months of the date of entry into force of this Decision, of a proof of origin issued retrospectively by the customs authorities of the exporting country.

Article 5

The Republic of Cameroon undertakes not to make any claim, request or referral nor to modify or withdraw any concession pursuant to Article XXIV.6 and Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (‘GATT’) 1994 or Article XXI of the General Agreement on Trade in Services (‘GATS’) in relation to the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

Article 6

This Decision shall come into force upon its signature.

However, Articles 3 and 4 shall apply as from 4 August 2014.

Done at xxx,

For the Republic of Cameroon

For the European Union