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(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 18 July 2005

on the conclusion of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, of the other part

(2005/690/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 310 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 ⁽¹⁾,

Whereas:

- (1) The Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, of the other part, was signed on behalf of the European Community in Valencia on 22 April 2002, subject to its possible conclusion at a later date.
- (2) The said Agreement should be concluded,

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 People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, of the other part, including Annexes and Protocols annexed thereto and the joint declarations and declarations of the European Community attached to the Final Act are hereby approved on behalf of the European Community.

2. The texts referred to in paragraph 1 are attached to this Decision.

Article 2

1. The position to be taken by the Community within the Association Council and the Association Committee shall be determined by the Council on the basis of a proposal by the Commission or, where appropriate, by the Commission, each in accordance with the corresponding provisions of the Treaties.

2. In accordance with Article 93 of the Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement, the President of the Council shall preside over the Association Council. A representative of the Commission shall preside over the Association Committee in accordance with the Rules of Procedure thereof.

3. The decision to publish the decisions of the Association Council and the Association Committee in the *Official Journal of the European Union* shall be taken on a case-by-case basis by the Council and the Commission respectively.

Article 3

The President of the Council, on behalf of the European Community, is hereby authorised to designate the person or persons empowered to deposit the act of notification provided for in Article 110 of the Agreement.

Done at Brussels, 18 July 2005.

For the Council
The President
J. STRAW

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 279 E, 20.11.2003, p. 115.