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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 17(1) of the Treaty on European Union lists the powers of the European Commission and provides in particular that the Commission is to ensure the Union's external representation, with the exception of the common foreign and security policy and other cases provided for in the Treaties.
- (2) The Joint Political Declaration¹ adopted at the fourteenth meeting of the EU-Morocco Association Council on 27 June 2019 in Brussels, in which the partners agreed that 'cooperation on protection of the environment and the fight against climate change' would constitute a key cross-cutting field of the 'Euro-Moroccan partnership for shared prosperity' which is intended as a framework for equals to ensure balanced, comprehensive, cooperation in the service of their mutual interests.
- (3) The European Green Deal² adopted in December 2019 lays down the reforms necessary in the various sectors of the economy to achieve carbon neutrality, and the resilience, conservation and consolidation of Europe's natural heritage;
- (4) The commitment to implement the Paris Agreement in line with the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals.
- (5) Since 2020 talks have taken place between representatives of the EU and the Kingdom of Morocco with a view to drawing up a non-binding instrument setting out policy commitments with respect to the adoption of joint undertakings to take forward their ongoing cooperation in the fields of combating climate change, energy, green growth and the sustainable management of natural resources, which have constituted a central area of the EU-Morocco Partnership for a number of years. The Green Partnership is the result of these talks.
- (6) The date envisaged for the signature on behalf of the EU of the EU-Morocco Green Partnership is in October 2022.
- (7) The Council has been kept informed of the discussions and of the envisaged date for signature.

¹ Joint declaration by the European Union and Morocco for the fourteenth meeting of the Association Council: <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2019/06/27/joint-declaration-by-the-european-union-and-the-kingdom-of-morocco-for-the-fourteenth-meeting-of-the-association-council/>

² COM(2019) 640 final Communication from the Commission on the European Green Deal: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:52019DC0640&from=EN>

- (8) The EU-Morocco Green Partnership neither creates nor is intended to create any legal obligations for either of the parties under national or international law.
- (9) Given the EU's interest in cooperating on environmental protection and combating climate change, it is appropriate to sign the Green Partnership.
- (10) It is necessary to submit the EU-Morocco Green Partnership to the Council for endorsement, prior to its signing by the Commission on behalf of the EU, once agreement has been reached with the third party,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The EU-Morocco Green Partnership, as attached to this Decision, is hereby approved.

The text of the EU-Morocco Green Partnership shall be submitted to the Council for endorsement.

Article 2

The President of the European Commission or the person designated by her shall be authorised to sign the EU-Morocco Green Partnership on behalf of the European Union, after its endorsement by the Council.

Done at Brussels, 17.10.2022

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission