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*(Non-legislative acts)*

## INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

## COUNCIL DECISION

of 5 December 2013

**on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and Georgia, on the general principles for the participation of Georgia in Union programmes**

(2014/7/EU)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

powers under the various sectoral policies pursued by the programmes, which are exercised when establishing the programmes.

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 212 in conjunction with Article 218(5) thereof,

- (4) The Protocol should be signed on behalf of the Union and it should be applied on a provisional basis pending the completion of the procedures for its conclusion,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Whereas:

*Article 1*

- (1) On 18 June 2007, the Council authorised the Commission to negotiate a Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part<sup>(1)</sup>, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and Georgia on the general principles for the participation of Georgia in Union programmes ('the Protocol').

The signing on behalf of the Union of the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and Georgia on the general principles for the participation of Georgia in Union programmes ('the Protocol') is hereby authorised, subject to the conclusion of the said Protocol.

- (2) The negotiations have been concluded.

The text of the Protocol is attached to this Decision.

*Article 2*

- (3) The objective of the Protocol is to lay down the financial and technical rules enabling Georgia to participate in certain Union programmes. The horizontal framework established by the Protocol constitutes an economic, financial and technical cooperation measure which allows for access to assistance, in particular financial assistance, to be provided by the Union pursuant to the Union programmes. This framework applies only to those Union programmes for which the relevant constitutive legal acts provide for the possibility of Georgia's participation. The signing and provisional application of the Protocol therefore does not entail the exercise of

The President of the Council is hereby authorised to designate the person(s) empowered to sign the Protocol on behalf of the Union.

*Article 3*

The Protocol shall be applied on a provisional basis from the date of its signature<sup>(2)</sup>, pending the procedures necessary for its conclusion.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 205, 4.8.1999, p. 3.

<sup>(2)</sup> The date of signature of the Protocol will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* by the General Secretariat of the Council.

*Article 4*

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

Done at Brussels, 5 December 2013.

*For the Council*  
*The President*  
D. A. BARAKAUSKAS

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