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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 17(1) of the Treaty on European Union lists the powers of the European Commission (‘the 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) At the fifteenth meeting of their Association Council on 15 July 2024 in Brussels, the European Union and Jordan affirmed their willingness to work together towards elevating their relations to the level of a Strategic and Comprehensive Partnership.
- (3) From 16 July 2024 to 10 January 2025, discussions took place between the EU and the Kingdom of Jordan with a view to draw up a non-binding instrument setting out political intentions with regard to this Strategic and Comprehensive Partnership. Recalling their commitment to the Association Agreement and the Jordan-EU Partnership Priorities (2021-2027), the European Union and Jordan undertook to build their Strategic Partnership around key areas of cooperation, namely: political relations and regional cooperation; security and defence; economic resilience, trade and investments; human capital; and migration, protection and support to refugees. The Joint Declaration on a Strategic and Comprehensive Partnership is the result of those discussions.
- (4) The envisaged date for the signature of the Joint Declaration on behalf of the Union is on 29 January 2025 on the occasion of the visit of His Majesty, King Abdullah II to Brussels.
- (5) The Council has been kept informed of the discussions and of the envisaged date for signature.
- (6) The Joint Declaration does not, nor is it intended to, create any legal obligations on either side under domestic or international law.
- (7) Given the interest of the Union to further deepening the EU-Jordan partnership, forged over decades by geographic, cultural, political, economic and people-to-people ties, to better tackle common challenges, advance and promote shared values of peace, democracy and human rights in our common neighbourhood, it is appropriate to sign the Joint Declaration.
- (8) It is necessary to submit the Joint Declaration to the Council for endorsement, prior to its signing by the Commission on behalf of the Union,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The Joint Declaration on the “Strategic and Comprehensive Partnership” between the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the European Union as attached to this Decision, is approved. The Joint Declaration is submitted to the Council for endorsement.

Done at Brussels, 22.1.2025

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission