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ANNEX

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The Justice and Home Affairs Council examined the above mentioned file during its session on 4.6.2010 and adopted the text of the Council Decision and of the negotiating directives, as set out in the Annexes I and II to this Outcome of proceedings, subject to linguistic scrutiny of the texts. The declarations, inserted in the minutes of the Council are set out in Annex III.

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COUNCIL DECISION

authorising the negotiation of the Accession Agreement of the European Union to the European Convention for the protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to Art 6 TEU and Protocol N° 8 related thereto.

Having regard to the Recommendation from the Commission.

Whereas, the European Union shall accede to the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The opening of negotiations on behalf of the European Union in order to agree with the Contracting Parties to the European Convention for the protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (hereafter " the Convention") to the accession of the European Union to that Convention is authorised.

Article 2

The Commission is nominated as the Union negotiator.

Article 3

The Commission shall conduct the negotiations in consultation with the Working Party on Fundamental Rights, Citizens Rights and Free Movement of Persons, as the special committee appointed by the Council, in accordance with Article 218 (4) TFEU. The Commission shall report regularly to the special committee on the progress of the negotiations and shall forward all negotiating documents without delay to this special committee.

Article 4

The negotiations shall be carried out in accordance with the negotiating directives set out in the Annex.

Article 5

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Article 6

This Decision enters into force upon its adoption.

Article 7

This Decision is addressed to the Commission.

Negotiating directives

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**Draft Council declaration with regard to paragraphs 10 and 11 of the negotiating directives to
be inserted in the minutes of the Council**

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**Draft Council declaration with regard to the financial implications of the accession, to be
inserted in the minutes of the Council**

The Council invites the Commission to provide information on the possible budgetary implications of the accession.
