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ANNEX

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to the

Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION

on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Trade Specialised Committee on Level Playing Field for Open and Fair Competition and Sustainable Development established by the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of the other part as regards the adoption of a decision to establish a list of individuals who are willing and able to serve as members of the panel of experts established under Article 409 of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement

ATTACHMENT

Draft

Decision No .../2025 of the Trade Specialised Committee on Level Playing Field for Open and Fair Competition and Sustainable Development established by the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of the other part

of XXX 2025

establishing a list of individuals who are willing and able to serve as members of a panel of experts under Title XI of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement

THE TRADE SPECIALISED COMMITTEE ON LEVEL PLAYING FIELD FOR OPEN AND FAIR COMPETITION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT,

Having regard to the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of the other part¹ (the ‘Trade and Cooperation Agreement’), and in particular Article 409 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to 409(3) of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement, the Trade Specialised Committee on Level Playing Field for Open and Fair Competition and Sustainable Development is to establish a list of at least 15 individuals who are willing and able to serve as members of the panel of experts on matters arising under Article 355(3) and Chapters 6, 7, and 8 of Title XI of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement.
- (2) Each Party should name at least five individuals to serve as members of the panel of experts. The Parties should also name at least five individuals who are not nationals of either Party and who are willing and able to serve as chairperson of a panel of experts.
- (3) The Trade Specialised Committee on Level Playing Field for Open and Fair Competition and Sustainable Development should ensure that the list is kept up to date and that the number of experts is maintained at a minimum of 15 individuals.
- (4) In accordance with Article 409(4) of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement, the experts proposed as panellists should have specialised knowledge or expertise in labour or environmental law, other issues addressed in the relevant Chapter or Chapters, or in the resolution of disputes arising under international agreements.
- (5) In accordance with Article 409(4) of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement, the experts proposed as panellists should serve in their individual capacities and not take instructions from any organisation or government with regard to matters related to the dispute. They should not be affiliated with or take instructions from either Party and should not be persons who are members, officials or other servants of the Union institutions, of the Government of a Member State, or of the Government of the United Kingdom.
- (6) On the basis of the proposals of the Union and the United Kingdom, it is appropriate for the Trade Specialised Committee on Level Playing Field for Open and Fair

¹ OJ L 149, 30.4.2021, p. 10.

Competition and Sustainable Development to agree on the two sub-lists for the position of panellist, and on the sub-list for the position of chairperson of the panel of experts,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The list of individuals willing and able to serve as members of a panel of experts in Article 409 of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of the other part, is set out in the Annex.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its adoption.

*For the Trade Specialised Committee on Level Playing Field for Open and Fair Competition
and Sustainable Development*

The Co-chairs

(a) sub-list of individuals established on the basis of proposals by the Union;

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(c) sub-list of individuals who should serve as chairperson to the panel of experts

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