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## **EUROPEAN UNION**

## The European Union (Definition of Treaties) (Republic of Korea Framework Agreement) Order 2012

Made - - - - 15th February 2012

Coming into force in accordance with Article 2

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 15th day of February 2012

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

A draft of this Order has been laid before Parliament in accordance with section 1(3) of the European Communities Act 1972(a).

Accordingly, Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred on Her by section 1(3) of the European Communities Act 1972, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order as follows:

- **1.** This Order may be cited as the European Union (Definition of Treaties) (Republic of Korea Framework Agreement) Order 2012.
- **2.** It shall come into force on the date on which the treaty specified in the Schedule enters into force for the United Kingdom(b).
- **3.** The treaty specified in the Schedule is to be regarded as an EU Treaty as defined in section 1(2) of the European Communities Act 1972.

Richard Tilbrook
Clerk of the Privy Council

<sup>(</sup>a) 1972 c. 68, as amended by the European Union (Amendment) Act 2008 (c. 7) section 3(3) and Schedule, Part 1.

<sup>(</sup>b) It will be possible to find out the date on which the treaty specified in the Schedule enters into force for the United Kingdom by referring to the relevant page on UKK Treaties Online which is part of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office's public website. The link to that page is http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/publications-and-documents/treaties/.

The Framework Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Korea, of the other part, signed at Brussels on the 10th May 2010(a).

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order declares the Framework Agreement between the European Union and its Member States and the Republic of Korea, signed on 10th May 2010, to be an EU Treaty as defined in section 1(2) of the European Communities Act 1972.

The Framework Agreement addresses a broad range of issues and areas of international concern, which include non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, co-operation in the fight again terrorism, climate change, energy security and development assistance. The text includes standard political clauses concerning human rights, weapons of mass destruction, small arms, counterterrorism, the International Criminal Court and migration, as well as provisions for socioeconomic cooperation, including co-operation in the field of justice.

The principal effect of declaring this Agreement to be an EU Treaty so defined is that the provisions of section 2 of the European Communities Act 1972 apply to it.

A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been produced for this instrument, as it has no impact on the costs to UK business, charities or voluntary bodies.

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