

GREAT AND GENERAL COUNCIL

SITTING OF 28 February 2013

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THE GREAT AND GENERAL COUNCIL in its sitting of 28 February 2013

approves by majority, by open ballot

the following Decision:

"The Great and General Council

having heard the Minister of Affairs on the developments of the relations between the Republic of San Marino and the European Union;

having taken note of the "Communication, dated 20 November 2012, from the European Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of

the Regions relating to EU relations with the Principality of Andorra, the Principality of Monaco and the Republic of San Marino - Options for closer integration with the EU" and of the "Conclusions of the Council of the European Union dated 20 December 2012 on EU relations with the Principality of Andorra, the Republic of San Marino and the Principality of Monaco";

welcoming the attention that the European Union is paying to the strengthening of relations with States of small territorial dimension, for the purpose of their closer and greater European integration, in line with their auspices, as well as the encouragement expressed to "pursue their efforts in order to further increase the convergence of their legislation with EU internal market acquis



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and strengthen their administrative capacity in view of facilitating the implementation of further relevant EU acquis";

having ascertained the common willingness of political forces to implement the integration process of the Republic of San Marino with the European Union;

having taken note that, in order to continue their analysis and reflections for the achievement of said objective, the competent EU services will hold consultations, starting in the first semester 2013, so as to better consider the options given and submit to the Council, before the end of 2013, a report, including an analysis of the impact and of the main institutional, political and economic implications of these options, as well as recommendations regarding further steps;

welcoming the recent initiative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to involve the Directorates of the Departments of the Public Administration, making them play a responsible role in comparing community legislation with the national law in view of a meeting with a Delegation of the Community Services on 11 and 12 March and in the light of the necessary assessment of San Marino administrative capacity for the alignment requested;

mandates the Government

to continue the necessary analysis in the consultations and studies envisaged for this year in the Council conclusions, with a view to assessing the administrative capacity necessary to transpose and implement the relevant EU acquis and defining the instruments necessary to adequately support the Administration in this process;



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to finalize a plan of action to this end containing the following priority interventions:

- continuation of the analytical screening of EU legislation in relation to the reference sectors, with a view to defining the adjustment measures to be implemented;
- starting of refresher and specific training courses for the competent professionals in the interested sectors and the introduction of the best specialist support possible on the basis of the deficiencies detected, also through the support that competent Community services may provide in this regard;
- carrying out of appropriate initiatives to gain in-depth knowledge and information on the European Union, its organisation and programmes;

moreover, it commits the Government

to pursue the objective of integration, ensuring that the transposition and implementation of the community legislation into national law be compatible with the possibilities and the protection of the specificities of San Marino;

lastly, it commits the Government

to submit period reports, at least every six months, to the Great and General Council on the progress made in this field and the measures to be progressively implemented.".