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The European Union signs a working arrangement with Liechtenstein on its participation in the work of EASO

The European Asylum Support Office (EASO) welcomes the arrangement, signed today in the margins of the JHA Council in Brussels, between the European Union and the Principality of Liechtenstein on the modalities of its participation in EASO.

The working arrangement was signed by Thomas ZWIEFELHOFER, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Home Affairs, Justice and Economic Affairs of Liechtenstein; Mr Nikolaos DENDIAS, Greek Minister for Public Order and Citizen Protection (for the Presidency of the Council); and Ms. Cecilia MALMSTROM, Commissioner for Home Affairs. The working arrangement will allow Liechtenstein to participate in EASO's work and be entitled to receive support from EASO. Moreover, nationals of Liechtenstein may be engaged under contract by EASO. Finally, Liechtenstein will be represented in the EASO Management Board as observers. The European Parliament will soon vote in plenary on the arrangement.

The agreement is one of four working arrangements on the participation of the Associate Countries (Norway, Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Iceland) in the work of EASO.

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