JOINT DECLARATION OF THE UNION FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN MEMBER STATES ON THE ACCESSION OF NORTH MACEDONIA

Under the Co-Presidency of the European Union

and

The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

Following receipt by the Co-Presidency of the Union for the Mediterranean of the letters of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of North Macedonia dated 21 December 2021 and 21 September 2022 expressing the willingness of North Macedonia to join the Union for the Mediterranean as a member state, and its acceptance of the responsibilities and commitments stemming from this membership, as well as the acceptance of the Barcelona Process: Union for the Mediterranean acquis, including the Joint Declaration of the Paris Summit for the Mediterranean (July 2008) and the Final Declaration of the Marseille UfM Ministerial Conference (November 2008), as well as UfM Ministerial Declarations and other documents adopted by the UfM Member States on various themes of cooperation, and the UfM Secretariat’s Statutes and Headquarters Agreement;

Considering the spirit of consensus and co-ownership which guides the Union for the Mediterranean, and following the Co-Presidency’s consultations with the UfM Member States through the Senior Officials Meeting on the admission of North Macedonia as a new UfM Member State, receiving no objection from any Member State;

Based on this common understanding and considering that North Macedonia has expressed in writing its acceptance of the acquis of the Barcelona Process as detailed above;

We the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Union for the Mediterranean Member States,

I. Welcome North Macedonia as a fully-fledged Member State of the Union for the Mediterranean,

II. Decide that full membership of North Macedonia shall be effective from 24 November 2022,

III. Charge the Co-Presidency to formally inform North Macedonia of this decision,

IV. Invite North Macedonia to participate at the VII Regional Forum of the UfM and all subsequent institutional meetings and frameworks,