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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of the Agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and Canada, of the other part, on the participation of Canada in Union programmes
- Adoption
COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and Canada, of the other part, on the participation of Canada in Union programmes
- Agreement in principle
- Request for the consent of the European Parliament

1. At its meeting of 9 September 2022, the Council adopted the Decision authorising the opening of negotiations for an agreement with Canada on its participation in Union programmes and its association to Horizon Europe¹.

¹ Council Decision (EU) 2022/1526, OJ L 237-17 of 14.9.2022.

2. Following the conclusions of negotiations with Canada, the Commission submitted on 9 February March 2024 a proposal for a Council decision on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of the Agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and Canada, of the other part, on the participation of Canada in Union programmes², together with the text of the agreement as addendum to the proposal, as well as a proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion of that agreement³.
3. At the meeting of the Research Working Party of 23 February 2024 and at the meeting of the COTRA Working Party of 19 March 2024, the Commission presented its proposals and both working parties examined them. The delegations of the Research Working Party agreed on the text of the draft Council decision on the signing and the provisional application, including the text of the agreement, and on the text of the draft Council decision on the conclusion after a written consultation concluded on 5 March 2024.
4. Legal-linguist experts verified and finalised the draft Council decision on the signing and the provisional application of the agreement, the agreement itself and the draft Council decision concerning the conclusion of the agreement in documents 7707/24, 7709/24 and 7711/24 respectively.
5. Consequently, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to suggest that the Council:
 - in part "A" at a forthcoming session, adopts the Council Decision on the signing and provisional application as set out in doc. 7707/24 and decide to inform the European Parliament in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU;
 - provides an agreement in principle on the draft decision concerning the conclusion of the agreement as set out in doc. 7709/24 and decides to submit it to the European Parliament for consent, together with the text of agreement as set out in doc. 7711/24, after the agreement is signed.

² 6426/24 + ADD1.

³ 6420/24 + ADD1.

6. The decision on the signing and provisional application as well as the text of the agreement shall be published in the Official Journal of the European Union.
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