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	Partial general approach
	Statement by the HU delegation

Delegations will find attached a statement by the Hungarian delegation that will be annexed to the Council minutes.

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on 28 February 2020

Hungary agrees that support for research and innovation should play a crucial role in the next MFF period. However, we are convinced that full exploitation of Europe's research and innovation potential can only be realized if balanced representation is properly addressed by Horizon Europe and its part, the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT).

We recognize the EIT's efforts to widen the participation and tackle the innovation gap within the Regional Innovation Scheme (RIS). The reinforced RIS needs to have and adequate budget in order to reach the desired impact. To this aim, we suggest allocating 20% of the Knowledge and Innovation Centres' (KICs) budget to countries eligible for the RIS scheme.

In our view, the RIS budget is linked to the MFF negotiations. Therefore, we reserve the right to come back to the issue of geographical balance after it has been discussed by the heads of state and government.

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