Council of the European Union

Brussels, 24 April 2018
(OR. en)

8042/18

Interinstitutional File: 2017/0199 (NLE)

RECH 135
MED 19
AGRI 172
MIGR 48
RELEX 321
RL 1

'I/A' ITEM NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)/Council
No. Cion doc.:	11685/17 - COM(2017) 433 final
Subject:	Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and the Republic of Lebanon setting out the terms and conditions for participation of the Republic of Lebanon in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA) - *Adoption*

1. On 11 August 2017, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the signing[1] of the above-mentioned Agreement as well as a proposal for a Council Decision on its conclusion[2].

[1] Doc. 11686/17 + ADD 1
[2] Doc. 11685/17 + ADD 1

2. On 25 September 2017, the Council adopted the Decision on the signing[3] of the Agreement. At the same time and in accordance with Article 218(6)(a)(v) TFEU, the Council decided to forward the draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in document 11967/17 RECH 299 MED 73 AGRI 458 MIGR 171 RELEX 736 RL 11, together with the Agreement itself[4], to the European Parliament for its consent, with a view to preparing the future conclusion of the Agreement.

3. The Agreement with the Republic of Lebanon was signed on 27 February 2018.

4. On 17 April 2018, the European Parliament provided its consent to the conclusion of the Agreement.

5. The Permanent Representatives' Committee is therefore invited to recommend that the Council adopts, as an "A" item on the agenda of one of its forthcoming meetings, the draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the agreement as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in doc. 11967/17.

---

[3] Doc. 11918/17
[4] Doc. 11928/17