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STATEMENT BY THE AT DELEGATION

Austria followed a constructive approach during the negotiations on the Euratom Research and Training Programme 2019/20, with a view to enabling a continuation of the measures for increasing the safety and security of European citizens and their environment.

The content of the General Approach is identical in substance with the currently running programme (2014-2018). Therefore the Austrian position also remains the same. Austria welcomes the emphasis on safety and security aspects throughout the text. However, Austria still remains highly critical regarding EU funding or any supportive framework for nuclear power plants. Austria therefore intends to abstain.

STATEMENT BY THE LU DELEGATION

Luxembourg recognises the importance of the Research and Training Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community (2019-2020) complementing the Horizon 2020 Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, as well as the need to put greater emphasis on nuclear safety, contributing to a shift in nuclear research. Thus Luxembourg welcomes the compromise while, however, maintaining its critical attitude in respect of nuclear research in general.

Luxembourg stresses, however, that in future, European funds for research and training should be geared more towards renewable energy.

Since the Research and Training Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community (2019-2020) does not start such a shift towards renewable energy, Luxembourg cannot subscribe to it in its entirety and is, therefore, abstaining from the vote.
