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To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	COUNCIL REGULATION establishing the Research and Training Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community for the period 2026-2027 complementing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation and repealing Council Regulation (Euratom) 2021/765
	- Adoption

1. On 28 February 2025, the Commission submitted to the Council the proposal for a Council Regulation establishing the Research and Training Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community for the period 2026-2027 complementing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation and repealing Council Regulation (Euratom) 2021/765¹.

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- 2. The Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom) limits the duration of research and training programmes in the nuclear field to a maximum of five years². Therefore, Council Regulation (Euratom) 2021/765 establishing the Research and Training Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community for the period 2021-2025 complementing Horizon Europe³, will expire at the end of 2025. The present proposal aims at ensuring the continuity of the programme for the period 2026-2027 so that its duration is aligned with that of the multiannual financial framework 2021-2027.
- 3. On 19 March 2025, the Permanent Representatives Committee decided to consult, on an optional basis, the European Parliament and the Economic and Social Committee on the proposal.
- 4. The European Economic and Social Committee provided its opinion on 26 March 2025.
- 5. The European Parliament provided its opinion on 22 May 2025.
- 6. The Research (Atomic Questions) Working Party examined the proposal at a number of meetings, introduced some limited changes to the Commission's proposal and reached an agreement in principle on the draft text.
- 7. In the light of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to suggest that the Council, in part "A" of the agenda of a forthcoming meeting, adopts the Council Regulation on the Research and Training Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community for the period 2026-2027 complementing Horizon Europe - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, and repealing Council Regulation (Euratom) 2021/765, as revised by the lawyer-linguists and contained in document 8401/25.

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² Euratom Treaty, Article 7.

³ OJ 167I, 12.5.2021, p. 81.