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

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Subject: Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION amending Decision 2008/376/EC on the adoption of the Research Programme of the Research Fund for Coal and Steel and on the multiannual technical guidelines for this programme
- Adoption

1. On 16 July 2020, the Commission submitted to the Council the proposal for a Council Decision amending Decision 2008/376/EC on the adoption of the Research Programme of the Research Fund for Coal and Steel and on the multiannual technical guidelines for this programme¹.
2. The proposed Decision aims to align the Research Fund for Coal and Steel (RFCS) research programme objectives with international obligations, such as the Paris Agreement, as well as with scientific, technological and political objectives of the Union on climate neutrality by 2050.

¹ Doc.9773/20.

3. Following the work since September 2020 within the Research Working Party, resulting to some amendments to the initial proposal, the Council (Competitiveness) at its meeting of 27-28 May 2021, reached a political agreement on the text.
4. The European Parliament provided its opinion on 18 May 2021.
5. In the light of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to recommend to the Council, as an "A" item in one of its next sessions:
 - to adopt the Council Decision as revised by the lawyer-linguists and set out in document 9400/21.
 - to request publication of the Decision in the Official Journal of the European Union for information.
