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Subject: **END OF WRITTEN PROCEDURE**

Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Council of Europe Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law

- Adopt the decision to request the consent of the European Parliament

Delegations are informed that the written procedure opened by **CM 3724/25** of 23 July 2025 was completed on **28 July 2025** and that all delegations voted in favour of the decision to request the consent of the European Parliament to adopt:

Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Council of Europe Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law

The statement submitted by the Italian delegation is reproduced in the annex to this CM.

The Council Secretariat takes the opportunity to thank delegations for their kind cooperation.

Statement by the Republic of Italy*Council Decision on the conclusion of the Council of Europe Framework Convention on artificial intelligence and human rights, democracy and the rule of law*

Italy welcomed the adoption by the Council of Europe, on 17 May 2024, of the Council of Europe Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law, and the signing by the European Union of the Convention on 5 September 2024.

In view of the conclusion of the Convention, the Italian authorities wish to refer to the debate that took place in the Council in preparation for the adoption of the decision authorising the Commission to sign the Convention on behalf of the European Union. The Italian authorities confirm in particular that having regard to the Treaties' provisions and to the current EU set of norms in this field, there are reasons supporting the existence of a concurrent competence, as confirmed by specific parts of the AI Act, namely on reserved national competence in matters of national security and on the necessity of domestic legislation of the Member States for the full implementation of the Regulation.

At the same time, Italy wishes to emphasise that the Italian authorities will follow closely the implementation of the Council's decision that authorised the Commission to sign the Convention of the Council of Europe and will therefore pay particular attention to ensuring that the European Commission follows the process envisaged with regard to the functioning of the Conference of the Parties and the role that the European Union will play in it.

In this regard, it is of the utmost importance that, should it not be successful in ensuring that the EU obtains 27 votes at the Conference of the Parties, the Commission proposes that the Member States be authorised to accede to the Convention alongside the Union, in order to ensure that the Union has a number of votes that reflects its weight in the Council of Europe and allows it to adequately defend its interests.

If the 27 votes are not obtained and the Member States are not authorised to accede to the Convention, the Italian authorities will assess the situation considering that, in such case, the general interest of the Union would not be adequately defended.