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Subject: OECD Council Revised Recommendation on Digital Technologies and the Environment
- Approval

1. On 10 June 2025, the Commission submitted to the Council an information note entitled “EU’s adherence to the OECD Council Revised Recommendation on Digital Technologies and the Environment – revised version”¹, as well as a slightly revised draft text of the OECD Council Revised Recommendation on Digital Technologies and the Environment (hereafter “the OECD Recommendation”)², and informed the Council of its intention to declare, subject to the Council’s approval, the adherence of the European Union to the OECD Recommendation in its second version, further to three minor modifications proposed by the US Delegation³. The first version of the Recommendation was submitted to the Council on 7 March 2025⁴.

¹ Doc. ST 10271/25.

² Doc. ST 10271/25 ADD 1.

³ The amendments can be found on page 13 of Doc. ST 10271/25 ADD 1.

⁴ Doc. ST 6875/25 and Doc. ST 6875/25 ADD 1.

2. Two of the three modifications proposed remove two subordinates mentioning specific instruments of implementation, which do not prevent in any way adhering parties to use such instruments. A third modification removes the expression “no later than” applied to the term for the next revision in five years. Such modifications are therefore minor and do not appear to alter the substance of the Recommendation.
 3. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to recommend that the Council approve the adherence of the European Union to the OECD Recommendation, as set out in doc. ST 10275/25 ADD 1, as an ‘A’ item during its Economic and Financial Affairs Council session on 8 July 2025.
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