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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
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Statement by the LU delegation

Luxembourg recognizes the importance of the research and training program of the European Atomic Energy Community (2019-2020) complementing the 'Horizon 2020' Framework Program for Research and Innovation and the need to put in place more emphasis on nuclear safety contributing to a reorientation of nuclear research. Thus, Luxembourg welcomes the compromise while maintaining its critical attitude towards nuclear research.

Luxembourg, however, insists that future European funds for research and training activities should be geared more towards renewable energies.

Since the research and training program of the European Atomic Energy Community (2019-2020) does not initiate such a reorientation towards renewable energies, Luxembourg cannot subscribe to it in its entirety and will therefore abstain from the vote.

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 abstains.