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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 on the conclusion of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco setting out the terms and conditions for participation of the Kingdom of Morocco in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA) - *Adoption*

1. On 19 February 2018, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the signing[1] of the above-mentioned Agreement as well as a proposal for a Council Decision on its conclusion[2].

[1] Doc. 6318/18 + ADD 1
[2] Doc. 6321/18 + ADD 1

2. On 19 March 2018, the Council adopted the Decision on the signing[3] of the Agreement. At the same time and in accordance with Article 218(6)(a)(v) TFEU, the Council decided to forward the draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in document 6534/18 RECH 85 MED 6 AGRI 105 MIGR 29 RELEX 166 MA 5, together with the Agreement itself[4], to the European Parliament for its consent, with a view to preparing the future conclusion of the Agreement.

3. The Agreement with the Kingdom of Morocco was signed on 10 April 2018.

4. On 2 October 2018, the European Parliament provided its consent to the conclusion of the Agreement.

5. The Permanent Representatives' Committee is therefore invited to recommend that the Council adopts, as an "A" item on the agenda of one of its forthcoming meetings, the draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the agreement as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in doc. 6534/18[5].

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[3] Doc. 6532/18

[4] Doc. 6533/18

[5] In accordance with Article 218 (6) of the TFEU, the European Parliament will be informed of the Council Decision on the conclusion, and, once adopted, the documents will be transmitted to Parliament.