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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)
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Subject:	Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION establishing the nuclear decommissioning assistance programme of the Ignalina nuclear power plant in Lithuania (Ignalina programme); and repealing Council Regulation (EU) No 1369/2013 - Endorsement

1. On 13 June 2018, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Regulation establishing the nuclear decommissioning assistance programme of the Ignalina power plant in Lithuania (Ignalina programme) and repealing Council Regulation (EU) No 1369/2013.

2. The Atomic Questions Working Party had discussed the proposal and reached a provisional agreement at its level following an informal written consultation, ending on 3 November 2020, with no delegations raising objections.

3. The special meeting of the European Council of 17-21 July 2020 adopted European Council conclusions covering also the revenue for the MFF 2021-2027[1] including the budget for this programme.

[1] EUCO 10/20

4. The European Parliament was consulted in July 2018 and gave its opinion on 17 January 2019.

5. The text as set out out in document ST 13389/20 has not been changed since the informal written consultation in Atomic Questions Working Party. The wording of Recital 21 was updated so as to reflect the latest agreement on the MFF negotiations.

6. Following horizontal agreement on the MFF and possible need for minor alignment of the text to the new MFF provisions and the lawyer-linguist revision, the text of this Council regulation will be submitted to Coreper and Council for final adoption.

7. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to:

   – confirm its agreement on the text of the Council Regulation establishing the nuclear decommissioning assistance programme of the Ignalina nuclear power plant in Lithuania (Ignalina programme) and repealing Council Regulation (EU) No 1369/2013 as set out in document ST 13389/20.