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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	COUNCIL DECISION on the signing and provisional application of the Agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and Australia, of the other part, on the participation of Australia in Union programmes - Adoption COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and Australia, of the other part, on the participation of Australia in Union programmes - Agreement in principle - Request for the consent of the European Parliament

1. At its meeting on 20 January 2026, the Council adopted the Decision authorising the opening of negotiations with Australia for an Agreement for the participation of Australia in Union programmes and on the association of Australia to Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2021-2027).[1]

[1] OJ L, 2026/222, 27.1.2026.

2. Following the conclusion of negotiations with Australia, the Commission submitted to the Council on 28 August 2026 a proposal for a Council Decision on the signing and provisional application of the Agreement between the European Union and Australia on the participation of Australia in Union programmes[2], together with the text of the Agreement as addendum to the proposal, as well as a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of that Agreement.[3]

3. At its meeting on 10 September 2026, the Research Working Party examined the Commission proposals, followed by the COASI Working Party at its meeting on 17 September 2026. Following a written consultation that concluded on 11 September 2026, the delegations of the Research Working Party agreed on the text of the draft Council Decision on the signing and provisional application, including the text of the Agreement, as well as on the text of the draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement.

4. The legal-linguistic experts verified and finalised the draft Council Decision on the signing and provisional application of the Agreement, the Agreement itself, and the draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement, as set out in documents 12768/26, 12770/26 and 12769/26, respectively.

5. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to recommend that the Council, in part "A" of the agenda of a forthcoming meeting:

   – adopts the Council Decision on the signing and provisional application as set out in document 12768/26 and decides to inform the European Parliament in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU;

   – reaches an agreement in principle on the draft Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement, as set out in document 12769/26, and decides to submit it to the European Parliament for its consent, together with the text of the Agreement as set out in document 12770/26, following the signing of the Agreement.

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[2] 12564/26 + ADD1.
[3] 12568/26 + ADD1.