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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations on behalf of the European Union for a Council of Europe convention on artificial intelligence, human rights, democracy and the rule of law
- Adoption

1. The Commission adopted the Recommendation for a Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations on behalf of the European Union for a Council of Europe convention on artificial intelligence, human rights, democracy and the rule of law on 18 August 2022.
2. The draft decision and the negotiating directives, as recommended by the Commission (doc. 11818/22 and 11818/22 ADD1), were presented and discussed in the Working Party on Telecommunications and Information Society on 8 and 13 September 2022.

3. Based on the written comments received from the delegations, the Presidency prepared the final compromise versions of the decision and the negotiating directives, which were presented in the Working Party on Telecommunications and Information Society on 27 October 2022. During that meeting, the Working Party on Telecommunications and Information Society completed the examination of the draft decision and the negotiating directives and it agreed to submit the draft decision and the negotiating directives to the Permanent Representatives Committee.
4. In light of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to:
- confirm its agreement on the text of the draft Council decision as set out in document 14173/22 + ADD 1;
 - suggest that the Council decide, as an ‘A’ item at a forthcoming meeting, to adopt the Decision as set out in document 14173/22 + ADD 1;
 - note that the European Parliament will be informed of the adoption of the Decision in accordance with Article 218(10) of the TFEU.
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