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

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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION Authorising the opening of negotiations with the Federal Republic of Nigeria for an agreement between the European Union and the Federal Republic of Nigeria on science and technology cooperation
- Adoption

1. On 6 October 2025, the Commission submitted to the Council a recommendation for a Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations with the Federal Republic of Nigeria for an agreement between the European Union and the Federal Republic of Nigeria on science and technology cooperation¹.
2. At its meeting on 16 October 2025 the Research Working Party examined the Commission recommendation and the negotiating directives.
3. The Research Working Party agreed on the text following written consultation that was concluded on 31 October 2025.

¹ 13647/25 + ADD 1.

4. 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 Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations with the Federal Republic of Nigeria for an agreement between the European Union and the Federal Republic of Nigeria on science and technology cooperation, as revised by the lawyer-linguists and set out in document 14663/25 and the negotiating directives as set out in document 14663/25 ADD 1.
 5. The European Parliament will be informed in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU and the Decision and the negotiating directives will be transmitted to the EP.
 6. The Council decision will be published in the Official Journal in accordance with Article 17(2)(b) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.
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