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#### 'I/A' ITEM NOTE

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

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Subject: Commission's intention to enter into a Ministerial statement on principles and values for international cooperation in Research & Innovation on behalf of the EU  
- Authorisation to negotiate a NBI

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1. On 16 November 2023, the Commission submitted to the Council an information note entitled 'Commission's intention to enter into a Ministerial statement on principles and values for international cooperation in Research & Innovation on behalf of the EU<sup>1</sup>.
2. The Commission will negotiate the Ministerial statement with a view to signature at the conference organised on 16 February 2024 in Brussels, under Belgian Presidency. This will be a follow-up to the Marseilles declaration of 2022 and will focus on values and principles in research and innovation.

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<sup>1</sup> 15520/23.

3. At its meeting of 20 November 2023, the Research Working Party received further information from the Commission on the envisaged non-binding instrument.
  4. It is understood that the Commission will revert to the Council at the end of the negotiation to seek authorisation by the Council for the signature on behalf of the Union of the above-mentioned non-binding instrument.
  5. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to recommend to the Council to authorise the Commission to enter into negotiations on a non-binding instrument to be signed on behalf of the European Union at the Ministerial conference.
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