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To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
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Subject:	Proposal for a Council Regulation on the Research and Training Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community (2019-2020) complementing the Horizon 2020 Framework Programme for Research and Innovation - Optional consultation of the European Parliament and the European Economic and Social Committee*

1. On 1 December 2017 the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Regulation on the Research and Training Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community (2019-2020) complementing the Horizon 2020 Framework Programme for Research and Innovation.[1]

* The sole purpose of this note is to decide on the consultation of another Institution/body and not on the substance.

1 Doc. 15387/17.

2. The Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom) limits the duration of research and training programmes in the nuclear field to a maximum of five years[2]. Therefore, Council Regulation (Euratom) No 1314/2013 on the Research and Training Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community (2014-2018) complementing the Horizon 2020 Framework Programme for Research and Innovation[3], being an integral part of Horizon 2020, will expire at the end of 2018, whereas the other parts of Horizon 2020, based on respective provisions of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), will remain in force until the end of 2020. The present proposal aims at ensuring the continuation of the programme in 2019-2020.

3. The present proposal, which is based on Article 7 of the Euratom Treaty, does not require the opinion of other Institutions or bodies. However, it may be recalled that the European Parliament and the European Economic and Social Committee were consulted on the proposal for the currently in force Regulation No 1314/2013. For the sake of consistency it therefore appears appropriate to consult the European Parliament and the European Economic and Social Committee on the present proposal.

4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to decide, in accordance with Article 19(7)(h) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, to consult the European Parliament and the European Economic and Social Committee on the above proposal and to request them to give their opinions as soon as possible.

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[2] Euratom Treaty, Article 7.
[3] OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 948.