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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway laying down the rules for participation of the Kingdom of Norway in the GOVSATCOM component of the Union Space Programme and in the Union Secure Connectivity Programme, and for access to GOVSATCOM services and to the governmental services of the Union Secure Connectivity Programme

COUNCIL DECISION .../...

of ...

**on the conclusion of the Agreement
between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway
laying down the rules for participation of the Kingdom of Norway
in the GOVSATCOM component of the Union Space Programme
and in the Union Secure Connectivity Programme,
and for access to GOVSATCOM services
and to the governmental services of the Union Secure Connectivity Programme**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 189, in conjunction with Article 218(6), second subparagraph, point (a), thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Having regard to the consent of the European Parliament¹,

¹ Consent of ... (not yet published in the Official Journal).

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Council Decision (EU) .../...²⁺, the Agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway laying down the rules for participation of the Kingdom of Norway in the GOVSATCOM component of the Union Space Programme and in the Union Secure Connectivity Programme, and for access to GOVSATCOM services and to the governmental services of the Union Secure Connectivity Programme (the ‘Agreement’) was signed on ...⁺⁺, subject to its conclusion at a later date.
- (2) From a geopolitical point of view, the participation of Norway in the GOVSATCOM component of the Union Space Programme and in the Union Secure Connectivity Programme, and Norway’s access to GOVSATCOM services and to the governmental services of the Union Secure Connectivity Programme, will contribute to strengthening Europe’s role as a global actor and promote international cooperation as defined in the Space Strategy for Europe. An Agreement with Norway will strengthen the Union’s strategic posture, which is an objective of the European Union Space Strategy for Security and Defence.

² Council Decision (EU) .../... of ... on the signing of the Agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway laying down the rules for participation of the Kingdom of Norway in the GOVSATCOM component of the Union Space Programme and in the Union Secure Connectivity Programme, and for access to GOVSATCOM services and to the governmental services of the Union Secure Connectivity Programme (OJ L, ..., ELI: ...).

⁺ OJ: Please insert in the text the number of the Decision contained in document ST 5369/26 and insert the number, date and OJ reference of that Decision in the footnote.

⁺⁺ OJ: Please insert in the text the date of signature of the Agreement in document ST 5371/26.

(3) The Agreement should be approved,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway laying down the rules for participation of the Kingdom of Norway in the GOVSATCOM component of the Union Space Programme and in the Union Secure Connectivity Programme, and for access to GOVSATCOM services and to the governmental services of the Union Secure Connectivity Programme is hereby approved^{3*}.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at ..., ...

For the Council

The President

³ The text of the Agreement is published in ... [*insert OJ reference*].

* The date of entry into force of the Agreement will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* by the General Secretariat of the Council.