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From: General Secretariat of the Council

To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of the Agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and the Republic of Korea, of the other part, on the participation of the Republic of Korea in Union programmes

- Adoption

COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and the Republic of Korea, of the other part, on the participation of the Republic of Korea in Union programmes

- Agreement in principle
- Request for the consent of the European Parliament

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1. At its meeting of 15 May 2023, the Council adopted the Decision authorising the opening of negotiations for an Agreement on the general principles for the participation of the Republic of Korea in Union programmes and on the association of the Republic of Korea to Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2021-2027).<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 146, 6.6.2023, p. 18–19.

2. Following the conclusions of negotiations with the Republic of Korea, the Commission submitted to the Council on 17 October 2024 a proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of the Agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and the Republic of Korea, of the other part, on the participation of the Republic of Korea in Union programmes<sup>2</sup>, together with the text of the Agreement as addendum to the proposal, as well as a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of that Agreement.<sup>3</sup>
3. At the meeting of the Research Working Party on 13 November 2024 and at the meeting of the COASI Working Party on 30 January 2025, the Commission presented its proposals, and both working parties examined them. The delegations of the Research Working Party agreed on the text of the draft Council Decision concerning the signing and the provisional application, including the text of the Agreement, and on the text of the draft Council Decision concerning the conclusion, following a written consultation that concluded on 22 November 2024.
4. Legal-linguist experts verified and finalised the draft Council Decision on the signing and the provisional application of the Agreement, the Agreement itself and the draft Council Decision concerning the conclusion of the Agreement in documents 16702/24, 16703/24 and 16701/24 respectively.
5. 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 the Council Decision on the signing and provisional application as set out in document 16702/24 and decides to inform the European Parliament in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU;
  - provides an agreement in principle on the draft Decision concerning the conclusion of the Agreement as set out in document 16703/24 and decides to submit it to the European Parliament for consent, together with the text of Agreement as set out in document 16701/24, after the Agreement is signed.

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<sup>2</sup> 14669/24 + ADD1.

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