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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:** COUNCIL DECISION on the signing of the Agreement between the European Union and Iceland laying down the rules for participation of Iceland 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

- Adoption

COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and Iceland laying down the rules for participation of Iceland 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

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

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1. At its meeting of 5 March 2025, the Council adopted the Decision authorising the opening of negotiations on behalf of the European Union for an agreement with Iceland laying down the rules for participation of Iceland in the GOVSATCOM component of the Union Space Programme in the Union Secure Connectivity Programme, and for access to governmental services.<sup>1</sup>
2. Following the conclusions of negotiations with Iceland, the Commission submitted to the Council on 17 November 2025 a proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of an Agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and Iceland, of the other part, laying down the rules for participation of Iceland in the GOVSATCOM component of the Union Space Programme in the Union Secure Connectivity Programme<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 Space Working Party on 16 December 2025, the Commission presented its proposals, and the Space Working Party examined them. The Working Party on the European Economic Area was informed. The delegations of the Space Working Party agreed on the text of the draft Council Decision concerning the signing and on the text of the draft Council Decision concerning the conclusion, as well as the text of the agreement, following a written consultation that concluded on 22 December 2025.
4. Legal-linguist experts verified and finalised the draft Council Decision on the signing of the Agreement, the draft Council Decision concerning the conclusion of the Agreement and the Agreement itself in documents 5274/26, 5271/26 and 5275/26 respectively.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L, 2025/538, 24.3.2025, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2025/538/oj>

<sup>2</sup> 15540/25 + ADD1.

<sup>3</sup> 15538/25 + ADD1.

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 as set out in document 5274/26 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 5271/26 and decides to submit it to the European Parliament for consent, together with the text of Agreement as set out in document 5275/26, after the Agreement is signed.
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