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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Proposal for a Council Decision on the renewal of the Agreement on cooperation in science and technology between the European Community and the Government of the Russian Federation - Request for the Consent of the European Parliament

1. On 21 January 2019, the Commission submitted to the Council its proposal concerning the renewal of the Agreement on cooperation in science and technology between the European Community and the Government of the Russian Federation.

2. Following its meeting on 15 March 2019, the Research Working Party has examined the proposal for renewal of the Agreement.

3. With a view to preparing for the adoption of the renewal of this Agreement, the Permanent Representatives Committee is thus invited to suggest that the Council, in part "A" of the agenda of a forthcoming meeting, decide to forward the draft decision on the renewal of this Agreement, pending the finalisation of the legal-linguistic revision, and contained in annex to this note, to the European Parliament for its consent.

ANNEX

DRAFT COUNCIL DECISION ON THE RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 186, in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Having regard to the consent of the European Parliament,

Whereas:

(1) By Decision 2000/742/EC[1], the Council approved the conclusion of the Agreement on cooperation in science and technology between the European Community and the Governemnt of the Russian Federation (the 'Agreement'). The Agreement was signed in Brussels on 16 November 2000 and entered into force on 10 May 2001.

(2) In accordance with point (b) of Article 12 of the Agreement, the Agreement –initially concluded until 31 December 2002- is renewable by common agreement between the Parties for additional periods of five years.

[1] Council Decision 2000/742/EC of 16 November 2000 concerning the conclusion of the Agreement on cooperation in science and technology between the European Community and the Government of the Russian Federation (OJ L 299, 28.11.2000, p. 14).

(3) By Decisions 2003/798/EC[2], 2009/313/EC[3] and 2014/50/EU[4] the Council approved the renewal of the Agreement for an additional period of five years each time. The current Agreement is due to expire on 20 February 2019.

(4) Both Parties confirmed their intention to renew the Agreement for an additional period of five years without any amendments to the Agreement.

(5) Activities under the Agreement shall respect strictly the conditions and procedures provided in the restrictive measures adopted under Article 215 TFEU[5].

(6) The renewal of the Agreement should be approved on behalf of the European Union,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The renewal of the Agreement on cooperation in science and technology between the European Community and the Government of the Russian Federation, for an additional period of five years, is hereby approved on behalf of the Union.

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2 Council Decision 2003/798/EC of 5 June 2003 concerning the conclusion of an Agreement aimed at renewing the Agreement on cooperation in science and technology between the European Community and the Government of the Russian Federation (OJ L 229, 18.11.2003, p. 20).

3 Council Decision 2009/313/EC of 30 March 2009 concerning the renewal of the Agreement on cooperation in science and technology between the European Community and the Government of the Russian Federation (OJ L 92, 04.04.2009, p. 3).

4 Council Decision 2014/50/EU of 20 January 2014 concerning the renewal of the Agreement on cooperation in science and technology between the European Community and the Government of the Russian Federation (OJ L 32, 01.02.2014, p. 1).

5 www.sanctionsmap.eu. It is noted that the sanctions map is an IT tool that lists the restrictive measures regimes. The restrictive measures are established in legal acts published in the OJ. In case of divergences, the OJ prevails.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall designate the person(s) empowered to notify the Government of the Russian Federation, on behalf of the Union, that the Union has completed its internal procedures necessary for the renewal of the Agreement in accordance with point (b) of Article 12 of the Agreement.

Article 3

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President