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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the renewal of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the Republic of India

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2025/...

of ...

**on the renewal of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation
between the European Community and the Government of the Republic of India**

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), second subparagraph, point (a)(v), 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).] / [OJ, C, ..., ..., ELI: ...]

Whereas:

- (1) By Decision 2002/648/EC², the Council approved the conclusion of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the Republic of India³. That Agreement was signed in New Delhi on 23 November 2001 and entered into force on 14 October 2002. By Decision 2009/501/EC⁴, the Council approved the conclusion of an Agreement renewing the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the Republic of India⁵, which renewed and slightly modified the Agreement signed in 2001. It was signed in New Delhi on 30 November 2007 and entered into force on 17 May 2010. That Agreement together with the Agreement signed in 2001 are referred to as 'the Agreement'.
- (2) In accordance with Article 11, point (b), of the Agreement, the Agreement was concluded for a period of five years and may be renewed by mutual agreement between the parties after evaluation during the last year of the aforementioned period.

² Council Decision 2002/648/EC of 25 June 2002 concerning the conclusion of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the Republic of India (OJ L 213, 9.8.2002, p. 29
ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2002/648/oj>).

³ OJ L 213, 9.8.2002, p. 30, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_international/2002/648/oj.

⁴ Council Decision 2009/501/EC of 19 January 2009 concerning the conclusion of an Agreement renewing the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the Republic of India (OJ L 171, 1.7.2009, p. 17, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2009/501/oj>).

⁵ OJ L 171, 1.7.2009, p. 19, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_international/2009/501/oj.

- (3) By Decisions (EU) 2015/1788⁶ and (EU) 2020/789⁷ the Council approved the renewal of the Agreement for an additional period of five years each time. The Agreement as last renewed is due to expire on 17 May 2025.
- (4) The evaluation carried out by the Commission demonstrates that the Agreement continues to provide an important framework for facilitating cooperation between the Union and the Republic of India in common Science & Technology priority areas leading to mutual benefits. It is therefore in the Union's interest to renew the Agreement for an additional period of five years.
- (5) Both parties have confirmed their intention to renew the Agreement for an additional period of five years without any amendment to the Agreement. For the purpose of ensuring continuity of the Agreement, the renewal should have retroactive effect as of 17 May 2025.
- (6) The renewal of the Agreement should therefore be approved on behalf of the Union,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

⁶ Council Decision (EU) 2015/1788 of 1 October 2015 concerning the renewal of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the Republic of India (OJ L 260, 7.10.2015, p. 18, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2015/1788/oj>).

⁷ Council Decision (EU) 2020/789 of 9 June 2020 on the renewal of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the Republic of India (OJ L 193, 17.6.2020, p. 3, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2020/789/oj>).

Article 1

The renewal of the Agreement for an additional period of five years is hereby approved on behalf of the Union.

The renewal of the Agreement shall have retroactive effect as of 17 May 2025.

Article 2

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

Done at ..., ...

For the Council

The President
