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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)
Subject: Attendance of representatives of countries associated to the Horizon Europe Programme to the meeting of the European Research Area and Innovation Committee (ERAC) on 21-22 June 2023

1. The mandate of the ERAC¹ provides that representatives of countries associated to the Horizon Europe Programme² (hereinafter “associated countries”) may be invited to relevant meetings of ERAC, as appropriate, for specific agenda items.
2. For the purpose of the invitation to the meeting of ERAC on 14 February 2023, the associated countries are the following: Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Faroe Islands, Georgia, Iceland, Israel, Kosovo³, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Tunisia, Türkiye and Ukraine.

¹ OJ L 450, 16.12.2021, p. 143.

² Regulation (EU) 2021/695 of 28 April 2021 establishing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation.

³ This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

3. The ERAC co-Chairs would like to invite one representative of each of the above-mentioned associated countries to the ERAC meeting on 21 and 22 June 2023 for the specific agenda items related to:

- a. The work of the European Research Area (ERA) Forum;
- b. National implementation of the ERA Policy Agenda 2022-2024: State of play with regard to national policy vehicles;
- c. International Research and Innovation (R&I) cooperation in a geopolitical world: the Global Approach two years on - part I on science diplomacy;
- d. Role of R&I for Ukraine's recovery;
- e. ERAC Task Force on "Guidance for the next Framework Programme for R&I";
- f. Towards a European Science for Policy ecosystem.

4. The co-Chairs of ERAC consider that it is in the interest of the Council and in line with the Guidelines on the occasional attendance of third parties, including interest representatives, at meetings of the Council or of its preparatory bodies, consolidated in the Comments on the Council's Rules of Procedure.

5. In view of the ERAC meeting on 21 and 22 June 2023, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to approve the attendance of one representative of each of the above-mentioned associated countries for the agenda items referred to in point 3 of this note.