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Delegations will find attached the partially declassified version of the above-mentioned document.

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1. In a letter dated 27 February 1998, the Commission proposed to the Council to authorize it to conduct negotiations on the above subject.
2. By means of this Decision, the Commission would conduct negotiations for a three-year extension of the quadri-partite agreement between Euratom, USA, Russia and Japan on cooperation in the Engineering Design Activities (EDA) for the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER). This agreement was concluded on 21 July 1992 for a period of six years and is due to expire on 21 July 1998.
3. After examination of this proposal in the Working Party, a unanimous agreement was reached in favour of the above-mentioned Decision.
4. Under these conditions, the Permanent Representatives Committee could suggest to the Council that it adopt, as an "A" item of its Agenda, the Decision set out in Annex to this document.

## COUNCIL DECISION

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containing Directives for the Commission to conduct negotiations on the extension of the Agreement among the European Atomic Energy Community, the Government of Japan, the Government of the Russian Federation, and the Government of the United States of America on cooperation in the Engineering Design Activities for the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor

### THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

HAVING REGARD to the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular the second paragraph of Article 101 thereof,

HAVING REGARD to the Agreement among the European Atomic Energy Community, the Government of Japan, the Government of the Russian Federation, and the Government of the United States of America on cooperation in the Engineering Design Activities for the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER) (hereafter referred to as "the Agreement"), concluded on 21 July 1992 <sup>(1)</sup>, and the Protocol 2 to the Agreement, concluded on 21 March 1994 <sup>(2)</sup>,

HAVING REGARD to the proposal for a Decision submitted by the Commission,

Whereas pursuant to its Article 25(1), the Agreement has been concluded for a period of six years; whereas such period is due to expire on 21 July 1998;

Whereas pursuant to Article 25(2) of the Agreement, the above-mentioned duration may be changed according to the progress in achieving the purpose of the Agreement;

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(1) OJ No L 244, 26.8.92, p. 14.

(2) OJ No L 114, 5.5.94, p. 26.

Whereas a non-site specific ITER engineering design satisfactory to the Parties is being developed as envisaged and further work needs to be performed to enable the Parties to decide on construction and operation of ITER;

Whereas to enable the Parties to perform such work in accordance with the Agreement for a period of three years;

Whereas negotiations should therefore be opened with a view to extending the Agreement and establishing the necessary accompanying documents,

**HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:**

**Single Article**

The Commission is hereby authorized to conduct negotiations on the extension of the Agreement according to the Directives set out in the Annex.

Done at ....., .....

For the Council  
The President

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