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To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)/Council

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Subject: Proposal for a Council Decision amending Decision 2008/376/EC on the adoption of the Research Programme of the Research Fund for Coal and Steel and on the Multiannual Technical Guidelines for this Programme  
- Adoption

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1. On 18 February 2016 the Commission submitted to the Council the proposal for a Council Decision amending Decision 2008/376/EC on the adoption of the Research Programme of the Research Fund for Coal and Steel and on the Multiannual Technical Guidelines for this Programme<sup>1</sup>.
2. The proposed Decision is limited in scope and aims at revising outdated legal references, clarifying the framework of the annual call for proposals, aligning the rules of participation to Horizon 2020 rules and clarifying the status and role of members of advisory and technical groups.
3. The Research Working Party examined the proposal under the Dutch Presidency on 14 March and 6 June 2016 and agreed on a number of amendments mainly in relation to the tasks of the advisory and technical groups.

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<sup>1</sup> Doc. 6411/16.

4. In accordance with the second paragraph of Article 2 of Protocol No. 37 on the financial consequences of the expiry of the ECSC Treaty and on the Research Fund for Coal and Steel, annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union, the European Parliament was consulted on the proposal. The European Parliament's Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) appointed the Chair Mr Jerzy Buzek (EPP/PL) as Rapporteur and adopted its legislative resolution on the proposal on 14 December 2016.
5. At its meeting on 24 April 2017 under the Maltese Presidency, the Research Working Party confirmed its position, as agreed under the Dutch presidency.
6. The Permanent Representatives Committee is, therefore, invited to recommend to the Council, as an "A" item in one of its next sessions:
  - to adopt the Council Decision amending Decision 2008/376/EC on the adoption of the Research Programme of the Research Fund for Coal and Steel and on the Multiannual Technical Guidelines for this Programme as finalised by the legal linguists and set out in doc. 8421/17;
  - to request publication of the Decision in the Official Journal of the European Union for information.