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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)/Council
No. Cion doc.:	11686/17 - COM(2017) 435 final 11685/17 - COM(2017) 433 final
Subject:	<p>Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between Republic of Lebanon setting out the terms and conditions for participation of the Republic of Lebanon in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA)</p> <p>- <i>Adoption</i></p> <p>Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and the Republic of Lebanon setting out the terms and conditions for participation of the Republic of Lebanon in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA)</p> <p>- <i>Request by the Council for the consent of the European Parliament</i></p>

1. On 11 August 2017, the Commission submitted to the Council the two above-mentioned proposals. The proposals concern the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and the Republic of Lebanon setting out the terms and conditions for participation of the Republic of Lebanon in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA).

2. Following the Council's authorisation to the Commission on 30 May 2017 to negotiate on behalf of the European Union an international agreement between the Union and the Republic of Lebanon laying down the terms and conditions for participation of the Republic of Lebanon in PRIMA, the Chief Negotiators of the future Parties signed, on 18 July 2017, a procès-verbal certifying the conclusion of the negotiation process.
3. Following its meeting on 4 September 2017, the Research Working Party has reached agreement on the texts of the Proposals. UK entered a parliamentary scrutiny reservation.
4. It is suggested, therefore, that the Permanent Representatives Committee recommend that the Council, at a forthcoming session:
 - a) adopt, as an "A" item, the Decision approving the signing of this Agreement and its provisional application. The texts of the Decision and the Agreement, following finalisation by the legal linguists, are set out in documents 11918/17 and 11928/17, respectively.
 - b) decide to forward the draft Decision on the conclusion as set out in doc. 11967/17 (as finalised by the legal linguists) as well as the text of the above-mentioned Agreement (as set out in doc. 11928/17) to the European Parliament for its consent.
