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Subject:	Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the signature and provisional application of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and the Faroe Islands associating the Faroe Islands to Horizon 2020 - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020)

Delegations will find attached a Presidency text on the Commission's Proposal for a Council Decision on the signature and provisional application of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and the Faroe Islands associating the Faroe Islands to Horizon 2020 - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020).

Explanation:

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Proposal for a

COUNCIL DECISION

on the signature and provisional application of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and the Faroe Islands associating the Faroe Islands to Horizon 2020 - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020)

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(5) and the first subparagraph of Article 218(8) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) Horizon 2020 – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) was established by Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and the Council ("Horizon 2020").
- (2) On 18 March 2014 the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations, on behalf of the Union, with the Faroe Islands, in order to conclude an Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and the Faroe Islands associating the Faroe Islands to Horizon 2020.
- (3) These negotiations have been successfully completed and subject to its conclusion at a later date, the Agreement should be signed on behalf of the European Union **and should be applied on a provisional basis.**

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The signing of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and the Faroe Islands associating the Faroe Islands to Horizon 2020 - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation is hereby approved on behalf of the Union, subject to the conclusion of that Agreement.

The text of the Agreement to be signed is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

The President of the Council is hereby authorised to designate the person(s) empowered to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Union, subject to its conclusion.

~~The Council Secretariat General shall establish the instrument of full powers to sign the Agreement, subject to its conclusion, for the person(s) indicated by the negotiator of the Agreement.~~

Article 3

The Agreement shall be applied on a provisional basis as from 1 January 2014, pending the completion of the procedures for its conclusion.

Article ~~4~~ 3

This Decision shall be published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President
