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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)
- Adoption

1. On 29 July 2014, the Commission submitted to the Council its proposal concerning 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.
2. The text of the Agreement was initialled on 6 June 2014, following the Council's authorisation to the Commission on 18 March 2014 to negotiate on behalf of the European Union a scientific and technological (S&T) cooperation agreement associating the Faroe Islands to Horizon 2020.
3. At its meetings on 15 September and 6 October 2014, the Research Working Party examined the aforesaid proposal for a Council Decision on signature and provisional application of the Agreement.

4. It is suggested, therefore, that the Permanent Representatives Committee recommends that the Council, as an "A" item at one of its future sessions:
- a) adopts the Decision approving the signature¹ 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 14013/14 and 14014/14, respectively.
 - b) informs the European Parliament of the adoption of the above-mentioned Council Decision.
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¹ It is recalled that, following the signature of this agreement, its conclusion will be subject to a subsequent Council Decision after the consultation of the European Parliament.