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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 = Statement by the Commission

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**Statement by the Commission**

The Commission takes note that an agreement was reached by unanimity on Article 2 of the proposal for a Council decision on signature and provisional application of the Agreement. The Commission recalls its views that the signature of an international agreement is an act of external representation of the Union, which the Commission is entrusted to do in line with Article 17(1) TEU.

The Commission recalls that the Council should decide by qualified majority under Article 218 TFEU for international agreements falling under EU research policy.