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Subject: Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and European Atomic Energy Community and the Swiss Confederation associating the Swiss Confederation to Horizon 2020 - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation and the Research and Training Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community complementing Horizon 2020, and regulating Switzerland's participation in the ITER activities carried out by Fusion for Energy
- Adoption

1. On 24 October 2014, the Commission submitted to the Council its proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and European Atomic Energy Community and the Swiss Confederation associating the Swiss Confederation to Horizon 2020 - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation and the Research and Training Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community complementing Horizon 2020, and regulating Switzerland's participation in the ITER activities carried out by Fusion for Energy.

2. The text of the Agreement was initialled on 24 July 2014, following the Council's authorisation to the Commission on 15 November 2013 to negotiate on behalf of the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community.
3. At its meeting on 3 November 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 15364/14 and 15369/14, respectively.
 - b) informs the European Parliament of the adoption of the above-mentioned Council Decision.

¹ It is recalled that, following the signature of this agreement, its conclusion will be subject to a subsequent Council Decision after the consent of the European Parliament.