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Subject:	Proposal for a Council Regulation on the Research and Training Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community (2014-2018) complementing the Horizon 2020 - The Framework programme for Research and Innovation

1. The Commission submitted to the Council its proposal for a Council Regulation on the Research and Training Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community (2014-2018) complementing the Horizon 2020 - The Framework Programme for Research and Innovation on 2 December 2011, as part of the Horizon 2020 package.

2. The Proposal relates to research activities in the fields of nuclear energy (fusion and fission) and radiation protection. It specifies the budget for direct and indirect actions, sets the objectives for R&D activities and determines the instruments for supporting them. It aims at ensuring that Union-funded research and training activities in the nuclear field are continued over the period 2014-2018, maintaining the effective and coordinated activities in Member States, in order to maximise Union added value.
 3. There have been two progress reports on this proposal for the Council "Competitiveness" on 31 May 2012 and 11 December 2012.
 4. After intense work, the Joint Research and Atomic Questions Working Party reached an agreement in principle on the Presidency proposal in November 2013.
 5. The European Parliament provided its opinion on 19 November 2013.
 6. The European Economic and Social Committee provided its opinion on 28 March 2012.
 7. In the light of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to suggest that the Council, in part "A" of the agenda of a forthcoming meeting, adopts the Council Regulation on the Research and Training Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community (2014-2018) complementing the Horizon 2020 - The Framework Programme for Research and Innovation as revised by the legal-linguists and contained in document 16463/13 RECH 550 COMPET 843 ATO 147.
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