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Subject:	COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion 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 for a Council Decision on the conclusion 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).
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. The Agreement was signed on 17 December 2014, following Council Decision of 10 November 2014¹.

¹ Published in the Official Journal L 35 of 11.2.2015, p. 1-2.

4. On 17 February 2015, the Council decided to forward the draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement² to the European Parliament for its consent. At its Plenary session of 6-9 July 2015, the European Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the Agreement.
5. Consequently, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to suggest that the Council, in part "A" at a forthcoming session:
 - a) adopts the Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement as set out in doc. 5660/15 RECH 6 FEROE 1 as finalised by the legal-linguist experts. The text of the Agreement, following revision by the legal-linguists, is set out in document 14014/14 RECH 390 FEROE 8³ + COR 1 (en);
 - b) informs the European Parliament of the adoption of the above-mentioned Council Decision.

² 5660/15.

³ Published in the Official Journal L 35 of 11.2.2015, p. 3-15.