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Subject: *Preparation of the Competitiveness Council on 28-29 May 2018*
Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION on the Research and Training Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community (2019-2020) complementing the Horizon 2020 Framework Programme for Research and Innovation
- *General Approach*
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STATEMENT BY THE DK AND SE DELEGATIONS

While acknowledging the Research and Training Programme of Euratom as a valued part of the EU research activities, the Government of Sweden and the Government of Denmark believes that the Financial Regulation of the EU should be followed at all circumstances. The Financial regulation framework is the most central mechanism for ensuring sound financial management, transparency and predictability in the management of the EU budget. The exception following on Article 23.5 in the council regulation must therefore be regarded as a unique case. It should not become a precedent for other regulations or financial instruments.

With these remarks, we withdraw our general reservations and approve the text of the Council Regulation.
