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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing the Union Secure Connectivity Programme for the period 2023-2027 **(first reading)**

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**Joint political statement by the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union
on the financing of the Union Secure Connectivity Programme for the period 2023-2027**

The European Parliament and the Council agree, without prejudice to the prerogatives of the budgetary authority in the framework of the annual budgetary procedure, that the financing of the Union Secure Connectivity Programme for the period 2023-2027 will indicatively be covered in the years 2023-2027 as follows:

- EUR 200 million from the unallocated margins from Heading 1 and Heading 5;
- EUR 1,450 million from contributions from Heading 1, Heading 5 and Heading 6.

Joint political statement by the European Parliament, the European Commission and the Council of the European Union on the re-use of decommitted funds in Horizon Europe

In the Joint Declaration on the re-use of decommitted funds in relation to the research programme¹ the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission agreed to make available again to the benefit of the research programme commitment appropriations, corresponding to the amount up to EUR 0,5 billion (in 2018 prices) in the period 2021-2027 of decommitments, which results from total or partial non-implementation of projects belonging to the ‘Horizon Europe’ Framework Programme or its predecessor ‘Horizon 2020’², as provided for in Article 15(3) of the Financial Regulation.

In the statement³ on Regulation (EU) 2021/695 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, laying down its rules for participation and dissemination, and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1290/2013 and (EU) No 1291/2013(1), the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission agreed on an indicative distribution of that amount that will be up to EUR 300 000 000 in constant 2018 prices for the cluster ‘Digital, Industry and Space’ in particular for quantum research.

Without prejudice to the powers of the budgetary authority in the framework of the annual budgetary procedure and to the Commission’s powers to implement the budget, **the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission** agree that, within the cluster on ‘Digital, Industry and Space’ of Horizon Europe, an indicative amount of EUR 200 000 000 in constant 2018 prices will be allocated to secure connectivity research activities.

¹ OJ C 444 I, 22.12.2020, p. 3.

² Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decision No 1982/2006/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 104).

³ OJ C 185/1, 12.5.2021, p.1.