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

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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of the Agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and New Zealand, of the other part, on the participation of New Zealand in Union programmes

- Adoption

COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and New Zealand, of the other part, on the participation of New Zealand in Union programmes

- Agreement in principle
- Request for the consent of the European Parliament

1. At its meeting of 9 September 2022, the Council adopted the Decision authorising the opening of negotiations for an agreement with New Zealand on its participation in Union programmes and its association to Horizon Europe¹.

¹ Council Decision (EU) 2022/1527, OJ L 237-18 of 14.9.2022.

2. Following the conclusions of negotiations with New Zealand, the Commission submitted on 9 March 2023 a proposal for a Council decision on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of the Agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and New Zealand, of the other part, on the participation of New Zealand in Union programmes², together with the text of the agreement as addendum to the proposal, as well as a proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion of that agreement³.
3. At the meeting of the Research Working Party of 20 March 2023 and at the meeting of the COASI Working Party of 22 March 2023, the Commission presented its proposals and both working parties examined them. The delegations agreed on the text of the draft Council decision on the signing and the provisional application, included the text of the agreement, and on the text of the draft Council decision on the conclusion after a written consultation concluded on 24 March 2023.
4. Legal-linguist experts verified and finalised the draft Council decision on the signing and the provisional application of the agreement, the agreement itself and the draft Council decision concerning the conclusion of the agreement in documents 7773/23, 7771/23 and 7774/23 respectively.
5. Consequently, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to suggest that the Council:
 - in part "A" at a forthcoming session, adopts the Council Decision on the signing and provisional application as set out in doc. 7773/23 and decide to inform the European Parliament in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU;
 - provides an agreement in principle on the draft decision concerning the conclusion of the agreement as set out in doc. 7774/23 and decides to submit it to the European Parliament for consent, together with the text of agreement as set out in doc. 7771/23, after the agreement is signed.

² 7263/23 + ADD1 and COR1.

³ 7265/23 + ADD1 and COR1.

6. The decision on the signing and provisional application as well as the text of the agreement shall be published in the Official Journal of the European Union.
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