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#### 'I/A' ITEM NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	11206/23 + ADD 1
Subject:	Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations of agreements, in the form of exchange of letters, amending and supplementing the agreements for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the Republic of Lebanon and the Kingdom of Morocco, setting out the terms and conditions for their participation with regard to Horizon Europe in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA), jointly undertaken by several Member States - Adoption

1. On 28 June 2023, the Commission submitted to the Council a recommendation for a Council decision authorising the opening of negotiations of agreements, in the form of exchange of letters, amending and supplementing the agreements for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the Republic of Lebanon and the Kingdom of Morocco, setting out the terms and conditions for their participation with regard to Horizon Europe in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA), jointly undertaken by several Member States<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> 11206/23 + ADD 1.

2. At its meeting on 4 July 2023 the Research Working Party examined the Commission recommendation and the negotiating directives.
3. At its meeting of 20 September 2023, the Permanent Representatives Committee granted the mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament of the Decision amending Decision 2017/1324 as regards the continuation of the Union's participation in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA) under Horizon Europe<sup>2</sup>.
4. The Research Working Party were requested to submit their comments by 6 October 2023. Following a comment from the Legal Service, the text now refers to the proposal for a Decision amending Decision 2017/1324, and not to the final amending Decision, which has not yet been adopted.
5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to recommend that the Council, in part "A" of the agenda of a forthcoming meeting, adopts the Council decision authorising the opening of negotiations of agreements, in the form of exchange of letters, amending and supplementing the agreements for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the Republic of Lebanon and the Kingdom of Morocco, setting out the terms and conditions for their participation with regard to Horizon Europe in PRIMA, as revised by the lawyer-linguists and set out in document 13922/23 and the negotiating directives as set out in document 13922/23 ADD 1.
6. The European Parliament will be informed in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU and the Decision and the negotiating directives will be transmitted to the European Parliament.
7. The Council decision will be published in the Official Journal in accordance with Article 17(2)(b) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.

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<sup>2</sup> 12897/23.