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| From: | General Secretariat of the Council |
| To: | Permanent Representatives Committee/Council |
| No. Cion doc.: | 12893/23 + ADD 1 |
| Subject: | COUNCIL DECISION approving the conclusion, by the European Commission, of the Agreement between the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom) and the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organisation (KEDO) |
| | - Adoption |

1. The Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization (KEDO) was established pursuant to the Agreement of 9 March 1995 between the Governments of the Republic of Korea, Japan and the United States of America. On 19 September 1997, the European Union (EU) joined KEDO with representation on KEDO's Executive Board.
2. The eighth Agreement concluded between the Community and KEDO expired on 31 May 2021 and was automatically renewed annually. It is therefore necessary to provide for a retroactive application of the Agreement. The Agreement should be in force until 31 May 2024.
3. On 12 September 2023, the European Commission submitted a Recommendation for the adoption of a Council Decision, based on Article 101 of the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community.

4. By its decision, the Council will approve the conclusion by the European Commission of an Agreement that ensures the applicability of the previous Agreement between Euratom and KEDO retroactively from 31 May 2021 and should remain in force until 31 May 2024.
5. Following an informal written consultation held between 6 and 13 November 2023, the Working Party on Atomic Questions reached agreement on the text of this Decision as set out in doc. 14391/1/23 REV 1 + 14391/23 ADD 1.
6. Coreper could therefore invite the Council:
 - to adopt the text as set out in doc. 15529/23 + ADD 1 as an "A" item.
