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Subject: Proposal for a Council Decision on the renewal of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the Republic of India
- Decision to request the consent of the European Parliament
– Initiation of written procedure

1. On 30 January 2020, the Commission submitted to the Council its proposal for a Council Decision concerning the renewal of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the Republic of India.
2. At its meeting on 17 February 2020, the Research Working Party examined the proposal for renewal of the Agreement and decided to request the consent of the European Parliament.
3. With a view to preparing for the adoption of the renewal of this Agreement, the Permanent Representatives Committee, at its meeting on 11 March 2020, agreed to suggest that the Council, in part "A" of the agenda of a forthcoming meeting, decide to forward the draft decision on the renewal of this Agreement, as revised by the legal-linguists and contained in document 6104/20 RECH 36 ASIE 10, to the European Parliament for its consent.

4. Given the current exceptional situation, the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1) agreed at its meeting on 20 March 2020 to use the written procedure for the above-mentioned decision by the Council.

Delegations are thus invited to state whether they agree to forward the *draft decision on the renewal of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the Republic of India*, as revised by the legal-linguists and contained in document 6104/20 RECH 36 ASIE 10, to the European Parliament for its consent.

Please answer YES, NO or ABSTENTION.

Any unilateral statements should be made separately.

Replies must reach the General Secretariat of the Council **by 17h00 (CET) on 24 March 2020**, by e-mail to ecomp3b.research@consilium.europa.eu.