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'I/A' ITEM NOTE

From: General Secretariat of the Council

To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: Information to the Council and request for endorsement to sign on behalf of the EU the AI Seoul Summit Leaders' Declaration, the Ministers' Statement, as well as the Statement of Intent toward International Cooperation on AI Safety Science for the AI Seoul Summit organised by the Republic of Korea and the United Kingdom (21–22 May 2024)

- Approval of a non-binding instrument

1. On 8 May 2024, the Commission submitted to the Council a note on the Commission's request for endorsement to sign on behalf of the EU the AI Seoul Summit Leaders' Declaration, the Ministers' Statement, as well as the Statement of Intent toward International Cooperation on AI Safety Science for the AI Seoul Summit organised by the Republic of Korea and the United Kingdom (21–22 May 2024), as contained in document 9867/24.

2. The Commission clarified that the AI Seoul Summit Leaders' Declaration, the Ministers' Statement and the Statement of Intent toward International Cooperation on AI Safety Science for the AI Seoul Summit would take the form of non-binding instruments.¹ The Commission also clarified that both steps of the procedure for non-binding instruments were combined, as information on the organisers' intention for documents to be signed at the Summit was received from them only at a late stage.
3. On 13 May 2024 the Commission submitted to the Council the three documents mentioned above. Prior to this submission, the Commission presented draft versions of these three documents to the Working Party on Telecommunications and Information Society at its meeting on 8 May 2024, during which the delegations were invited to discuss the draft texts and submit written feedback. The final versions submitted to the Council on 13 May, as set out in documents 9867/24 ADD 1, 9867/24 ADD 2 and 9867/24 ADD 3 have been revised to reflect the feedback received from the delegations.
4. In the light of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to recommend that the Council:

- confirms its agreement that the Commission negotiates and signs on behalf of the EU the AI Seoul Summit Leaders' Declaration, the Ministers' Statement, as well as the Statement of Intent toward International Cooperation on AI Safety Science for the AI Seoul Summit organised by the Republic of Korea and the United Kingdom (21–22 May 2024), as set out in documents 9867/24 ADD 1, 9867/24 ADD 2 and 9867/24 ADD 3, as an A item during its TTE (TELECOMMUNICATIONS) session on 21 May 2024, and

- agrees that, if further adjustments of the above mentioned texts are required in order to ensure agreement by the time of the AI Seoul Summit on 21-22 May 2024, the texts may be adapted accordingly, provided that the changes do not affect the substance and intent of the EU positions.

¹ Arrangements on non-binding instruments concluded by the Secretaries General of the Commission, the Council and the EEAS in December 2017 (ST 15367/17).