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

Subject: Council approval for the opening of negotiations between the Commission and the Republic of China on a non-binding EU-China Joint Roadmap for Future Science, Technology and Innovation Cooperation

- Approval of entering into negotiations
- Decision to use the written procedure

1. On 21 April 2020, the Working Party on Research received information from the Commission on its intention to enter into negotiations on a non-binding EU-China Joint Roadmap for Future Science, Technology and Innovation Cooperation. This Joint Roadmap is expected to include a list of discussion points for framework conditions for a level playing field in R&I such as intellectual property rights, reciprocal access to R&I programmes, open access and mobility of researchers as well as thematic areas in support of climate, environmental and health challenges.
2. It is understood that the Commission will revert to the Council at the end of the negotiations to seek approval by the Council for the signature of the EU-China Joint Roadmap on behalf of the Union.

3. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited:
- to confirm its approval for the Commission to enter into negotiations on the EU-China Joint Roadmap for Future Science, Technology and Innovation Cooperation, and
 - to decide, in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure and Article 1 of Council Decision 2020/430, that the Council uses the written procedure for the approval to enter into negotiations.
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