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1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council adopted the agenda set out in 10909/1/20 REV 1.

2. Approval of "A" items

- a) Non-legislative list 11092/20
- b) Legislative list (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union) 11093/20

Due to a lack of quorum, no "A" items were adopted.

Legislative deliberations

(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

- 3. **Regulation on establishing Horizon Europe's Framework Programme** **IC** 9865/18 + ADD 1
10948/20 + COR 1
General approach + **COR 2**

The Council adopted a general approach as set out in document 11251/1/20 REV 1 + COR 1.

A statement by the SE delegation and an oral statement by the Commission are annexed to these Council minutes.

- 4. **Decision establishing specific programme implementing Horizon Europe** **SC** 9870/18 + ADD 1
General approach 10952/1/20 REV 1
+ REV 1 COR 1

The Council adopted a general approach as set out in document 11256/20.

Any other business

No items were raised under this heading.

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- I** First reading
 - S** Special legislative procedure
 - C** Item based on a Commission proposal
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Statements to the legislative "B" items set out in 10909/1/20 REV 1

Ad "B" item 3: **Regulation on establishing Horizon Europe's Framework Programme**
General approach

STATEMENT BY SWEDEN

"The framework programme must be as open as possible. The best researchers shall be given the means to find answers to research questions and to solve societal challenges. Legal entities within the Union must be able to contribute to innovations to create welfare, jobs and security for the European citizens.

Exclusion from participation in the framework programme of European legal entities with ownership outside the Union must be strictly limited to exceptional cases and limited to particularly security sensitive areas. In these cases, clear conditions and criteria must apply. In this context, the competence of the Member States must be respected. Exclusion of European legal entities with ownership in strategic partner countries does not benefit European research and development, nor the Union's security and competitiveness."

ORAL STATEMENT BY THE COMMISSION

"The Commission is fully committed to ensure the greatest transparency and involvement of the Council in the forthcoming negotiations on association to the Horizon Europe programme.

We will follow clear rules and procedures for these negotiations and I have instructed my services to ensure the greatest possible transparency at all phases of the negotiation at technical level with the Council, in line with the Commission practice."
