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Subject: Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION establishing the Research and Training Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community for the period 2021-2025 complementing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation  
*- Adoption*

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1. On 7 June 2018, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Regulation establishing the Research and Training Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community for the period 2021-2025 complementing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation<sup>1</sup>. The proposal is part of the ‘Horizon Europe’ legislative package.

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<sup>1</sup> Doc. 9871/18 + ADD 1

2. The proposed Euratom Programme will pursue the current programme's key research activities (nuclear safety, security, radioactive waste and spent fuel management, radiation protection and fusion energy), expand research into non-power applications of ionising radiation, and make improvements in the areas of education, training and access to research infrastructures. Furthermore, the programme shall also support the mobility of researchers in the nuclear field, in particular in the framework of the Horizon Europe's 'Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions' (MSCA).
3. The Euratom Programme will complement Horizon Europe using the same instruments and rules for participation. It will be implemented for five years in accordance with Article 7 of the Euratom Treaty, to be extended in 2025 by two years in order to be aligned with the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2021-2027.
4. A progress report on this proposal was presented to the Council on 19 December 2019.
5. Following in-depth discussions since December 2018 at the Joint Research and Atomic Questions Working Party, a broad agreement was reached on the majority of the text.
6. The Permanent Representatives Committee provided guidance for further work on 4 December 2020 on the remaining outstanding issues, and reached a political agreement on the text at its meeting of 18 December 2020.
7. The European Parliament provided its opinion on 16 January 2019.
8. The European Economic and Social Committee provided its opinion on 12 December 2018.
9. In the light of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to suggest that the Council, in part "A" of the agenda of a forthcoming meeting, adopts the Council Regulation establishing the Research and Training Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community for the period 2021-2025 complementing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, as revised by the lawyer-linguists and set out in document 5215/21.