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ADDENDUM TO NOTE

From : Permanent representatives committee
To : Council

Subject : Draft Council conclusions on the next steps in the ITER projects

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DRAFT INTERNATIONAL ORIENTATIONS AS REGARDS THE FUNDING ISSUES CONCERNING EURATOM'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE ITER PROJECT

- a) No new collective financial contributions from Member States for ITER construction costs will be possible during the period of the current Financial Perspectives, without ruling out the options in point (b) ;
- b) The Commission is invited, in the above context, to immediately explore funding possibilities, including advantages and disadvantages of a loan from the European Investment Bank (EIB) and a reprioritization of funds within the current EU budget, and present possible solution(s) to the Council as soon as possible;
- c) The Commission is invited to report on the outcome of IC-5 and keep the Council fully involved in the discussions on the baseline of the ITER project.

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