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## **LEGISLATIVE ACTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS**

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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and Iceland laying down the rules for participation of Iceland in the GOVSATCOM component of the Union Space Programme and in the Union Secure Connectivity Programme, and for access to GOVSATCOM services and to the governmental services of the Union Secure Connectivity Programme

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**COUNCIL DECISION .../...**

**of ...**

**on the conclusion of the Agreement  
between the European Union and Iceland  
laying down the rules for participation of Iceland  
in the GOVSATCOM component of the Union Space Programme  
and in the Union Secure Connectivity Programme,  
and for access to GOVSATCOM services  
and to the governmental services of the Union Secure Connectivity Programme**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 189, in conjunction with Article 218(6), second subparagraph, point (a), thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Having regard to the consent of the European Parliament<sup>1</sup>,

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<sup>1</sup> Consent of ... (not yet published in the Official Journal).

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Council Decision (EU) .../...<sup>2+</sup>, the Agreement between the European Union and Iceland laying down the rules for participation of Iceland in the GOVSATCOM component of the Union Space Programme and in the Union Secure Connectivity Programme, and for access to GOVSATCOM services and to the governmental services of the Union Secure Connectivity Programme (the ‘Agreement’) was signed on ...<sup>++</sup>, subject to its conclusion at a later date.
- (2) From a geopolitical point of view, the participation of Iceland in the GOVSATCOM component of the Union Space Programme and in the Union Secure Connectivity Programme, and Iceland’s access to GOVSATCOM services and to the governmental services of the Union Secure Connectivity Programme, will contribute to strengthening Europe’s role as a global actor and promote international cooperation as defined in the Space Strategy for Europe. An Agreement with Iceland will strengthen the Union’s strategic posture, which is an objective of the European Union Space Strategy for Security and Defence.

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<sup>2</sup> Council Decision (EU) .../... of ... on the signing of the Agreement between the European Union and Iceland laying down the rules for participation of Iceland in the GOVSATCOM component of the Union Space Programme and in the Union Secure Connectivity Programme, and for access to GOVSATCOM services and to the governmental services of the Union Secure Connectivity Programme (OJ L, ..., ELI: ...).

<sup>+</sup> OJ: Please insert in the text the number of the Decision contained in document ST 5274/26 and insert the number, date and OJ reference of that Decision in the footnote.

<sup>++</sup> OJ: Please insert in the text the date of signature of the Agreement in document ST 5275/26.

(3) The Agreement should be approved,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The Agreement between the European Union and Iceland laying down the rules for participation of Iceland in the GOVSATCOM component of the Union Space Programme and in the Union Secure Connectivity Programme, and for access to GOVSATCOM services and to the governmental services of the Union Secure Connectivity Programme is hereby approved<sup>3\*</sup>.

*Article 2*

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at ..., ...

*For the Council*

*The President*

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<sup>3</sup> The text of the Agreement is published in ... [*insert OJ reference*].

\* The date of entry into force of the Agreement will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* by the General Secretariat of the Council.