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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Recommendation for a Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations for an agreement between the European Union and Ukraine laying down the rules for the participation of Ukraine 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 - Adoption

1. On 28 October 2025, the Commission submitted to the Council a draft Recommendation for a Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations on an agreement between the European Union and Ukraine laying down the rules for the participation of Ukraine in the GOVSATCOM component of the Union Space Programme and in the Union Secure Connectivity Programme[1].

[1] 14687/25 + ADD1.

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2. The decision will allow the Commission to open negotiations with Ukraine as regards its participation in the GOVSATCOM component of the EU Space Programme and in the Union Secure Connectivity Programme and to give Ukraine access to the GOVSATCOM services and to the governmental services of the Secure Connectivity Programme. The purpose of the negotiations is to reach an agreement establishing the rights and obligations of Ukraine for this participation.

3. The Space Working Party was informed of the proposal and examined it at its meeting on 11 November 2025. A written procedure was organised and concluded on 18 November 2025, after which comments were received from two delegations. Some amendments to the initial proposal were suggested to take those comments into account and to align the text to the standard language and have been circulated to delegations.

4. The draft decision specifies that the role of the special committee, which the Commission has to consult during the negotiations with Ukraine in accordance with Article 218(4) TFEU, should be exercised by the Space Working Party.

5. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to recommend that the Council, in part "A" of the agenda of a forthcoming meeting, adopts the Council decision authorising the opening of negotiations for an agreement between the European Union and Ukraine laying down the rules for the participation of Ukraine 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, as revised by the lawyer-linguists and set out in document 6142/26, as well as the negotiating directives as set out in document 6142/26 ADD 1.

6. The European Parliament will be informed in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU, and the Decision and the negotiating directives will be transmitted to the European Parliament.

7. The Council decision will be published in the Official Journal in accordance with Article 17(2)(b) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.

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