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#### 'I/A' ITEM NOTE

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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion of the agreement, in the form of an Exchange of Letters, amending and supplementing the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and the Republic of Lebanon, setting out the terms and conditions for the participation of the Republic of Lebanon in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA) - Adoption

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1. On 19 December 2024, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the signing<sup>1</sup>, as well as a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion<sup>2</sup> of an agreement, in the form on an Exchange of Letters, amending and supplementing the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and the Republic of Lebanon, setting out the terms and conditions for the participation of the Republic of Lebanon in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA).

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<sup>1</sup> 17097/24 + ADD 1

<sup>2</sup> 17098/24 + ADD 1

2. On 11 March 2025, the Council adopted the Decision on the signing<sup>3</sup> of the agreement to amend and supplement the Agreement. At the same time, the Council decided to forward the draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the agreement to amend and supplement the Agreement, as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in document 5948/25, together with the Agreement itself<sup>4</sup>, to the European Parliament for its consent.
3. The agreement to amend and supplement the Agreement with the Republic of Lebanon was signed on 8 December 2025 in the form on an Exchange of Letters.
4. On 26 March 2026, the European Parliament provided its consent to the conclusion of the agreement to amend and supplement the Agreement.
5. The Permanent Representatives' Committee is therefore invited to recommend that the Council adopts, as an "A" item on the agenda of one of its forthcoming meetings, the draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the agreement to amend and supplement the Agreement, as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in doc. 5948/25.

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<sup>3</sup> 5943/25

<sup>4</sup> 5949/25