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**RECH 222
ASIE 19**

LEGISLATIVE ACTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS

Subject: COUNCIL DECISION authorising the opening of negotiations for an agreement between the Union and the Republic of India on the participation of the Republic of India in Union programmes and the association of the Republic of India to Pillar II of Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2021-2027)

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2026/...

of ...

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and the Republic of India on the participation of the Republic of India
in Union programmes and the association of the Republic of India
to Pillar II of Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme
for Research and Innovation (2021-2027)**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular
Articles 186 and 212, in conjunction with Article 218(3) and (4), thereof,

Having regard to the recommendation from the European Commission,

Whereas:

Negotiations should be opened with a view to concluding an agreement between the Union and the Republic of India on the participation of the Republic of India in Union programmes and the association of the Republic of India to Pillar II of Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2021-2027),

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The opening of negotiations for an international agreement between the Union and the Republic of India on the participation of the Republic of India in Union programmes and the association of the Republic of India to Pillar II of Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2021-2027) is hereby authorised.

Article 2

The Commission is hereby nominated as the Union negotiator.

Article 3

The negotiating directives set out in the addendum to this Decision are hereby addressed to the Commission.

Article 4

The negotiations shall be conducted in consultation with the **Asia-Oceania Working Party** as regards matters related to the general conditions for the participation of the Republic of India in any Union programmes and with the **Working Party on Research** as regards matters related to the specific conditions for the participation of the Republic of India to Pillar II of Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2021-2027), which are hereby designated as the special committee provided for in Article 218(4) of the Treaty.

Article 5

This Decision is addressed to the Commission.

Done at ..., ...

For the Council

The President
