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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	COUNCIL DECISION authorising the opening of negotiations with the Republic of Singapore for an Agreement on the general principles for the participation of the Republic of Singapore in Union programmes and on the association of the Republic of Singapore to Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2021-2027) - Adoption

1. On 3 July 2024, the Commission submitted to the Council a recommendation for a Council decision authorising the opening of negotiations on behalf of the European Union for the conclusion of an Agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and Republic of Singapore, of the other part, on the participation of Republic of Singapore in any Union programme and on the protocol on the association of Republic of Singapore to Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2021-2027)¹.
2. The decision will allow the Commission to open negotiations with the Republic of Singapore on its participation to Union programmes and in particular to Horizon Europe.
3. The Research Working Party met twice to examine the text.

¹ 11889/24 + ADD 1

4. The draft decision specifies that the role of the special committee, which the Commission has to consult during the negotiations with the Republic of Singapore in accordance with Article 218(4) TFEU, should be exercised by both the Asia-Oceania Working Party for matters related to the general conditions for the participation of the Republic of Singapore in any Union programmes and the Research Working Party for matters related to the specific conditions for the participation of the Republic of Singapore to the Horizon Europe programme.
5. For this reason, the Commission presented its proposal to the Asia-Oceania Working Party.
6. The Research Working Party agreed on the text following a written consultation that was concluded on 8 October 2024.
7. 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 with the Republic of Singapore for an Agreement on the general principles for the participation of the Republic of Singapore in Union programmes and on the association of the Republic of Singapore to Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2021-2027), as revised by the lawyer-linguists and set out in document ST 14341/24, the negotiating directives as set out in document ST 14341/24 ADD 1 REV 1.
8. 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.
9. The Council decision will be published in the Official Journal in accordance with Article 17(2)(b) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.
