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'I/A' ITEM NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway laying down the rules for participation of the Kingdom of Norway 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. At its meeting of 16 December 2024, the Council adopted the decision authorising the opening of negotiations with the Kingdom of Norway for an agreement laying down the rules for the participation of the Kingdom of Norway in the GOVSATCOM component of the Union Space Programme and in the Union Secure Connectivity Programme, and for access to governmental services.¹
2. On 17 November 2025 the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the signing of the Agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway laying down the rules for participation of the Kingdom of Norway 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 Programme², as well as a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of that Agreement³, together with the text of the Agreement as addendum to the proposal.
3. On 17 February 2026, the Council adopted the decision authorising the signing of that Agreement. On 20 February 2026, the Council informed the European Parliament of this Decision in accordance with Article 218(10) of the TFEU and transmitted the text of the Agreement⁴. The Decision on the signing was published in the Official Journal on 3 March 2026⁵.

¹ OJ L, 2024/3226, 30.12.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2024/3226/oj>.

² 15535/25 + ADD1.

³ 15539/25 + ADD1.

⁴ 5371/26.

⁵ OJ L, 2026/442, 3.3.2026, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2026/442/oj>.

4. On 17 February 2026, the Council also agreed in principle on the draft decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway laying down the rules for participation of the Kingdom of Norway 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 set out in document 5367/26. The Council decided to request the European Parliament for its consent to this draft Decision, in accordance with Article 218(6) TFEU.
5. The European Parliament delivered its consent on 16 September 2026⁶.
6. In light of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to recommend to the Council to:
 - adopt the draft decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway laying down the rules for participation of the Kingdom of Norway 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 set out in document 5367/26, accompanied by the text of the Agreement as set out in document 5371/26.

⁶ P10_TA(2026)0299.