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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, between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco amending and supplementing the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco, setting out the terms and conditions for the participation of the Kingdom of Morocco in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA) - Adoption

1. At its meeting of 9 November 2023, the Council adopted the Decision authorising the opening of negotiations with the Kingdom of Morocco for an agreement, amending and supplementing the Agreement for the participation of the Kingdom of Morocco in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA)[1].

[1] OJ L, 2023/2621, 21.11.2023, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2023/2621/oj.

2. On 16 December 2025, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the signing and provisional application[2], as well as a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion[3], of an Agreement, in the form of an Exchange of Letters, between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco amending and supplementing the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco, setting out the terms and conditions for the participation of the Kingdom of Morocco in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA).

3. On 17 February 2026, the Council adopted the Decision on the signing and provisional application[4] of the agreement to amend and supplement the Agreement. On 19 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 Agreement[5].

4. On 17 February 2026, the Council also agreed in principle on the draft 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 5480/26. The Council decided to request the European Parliament for its consent to this draft Decision, in accordance with Article 218(6) TFEU.

5. The agreement to amend and supplement the Agreement with the Kingdom of Morocco was signed on 27 March 2026.

6. On 8 July 2026, the European Parliament provided its consent to the conclusion of the agreement to amend and supplement the Agreement[6].

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2 16911/25 + ADD 1.
3 16914/25 + ADD 1.
4 5468/26.
5 5481/26.
6 P10_TA(2026)0258.

7. 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 an Agreement, in the form of an Exchange of Letters, between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco amending and supplementing the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco, setting out the terms and conditions for the participation of the Kingdom of Morocco in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA), as set out in document 5480/26, accompanied by the text of the Agreement as set out in document 5481/26.