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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	16911/25 + ADD 1; 16914/25 + ADD 1
Subject:	COUNCIL DECISION on the signing and provisional application of the Agreement, in 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 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) - Agreement in principle - Request for the consent of the European Parliament

1. On 16 December 2025, the Commission submitted to the Council the two above-mentioned proposals[1]. The proposals aim to sign and conclude 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).

2. The text of the Agreement was initialled on 8 September 2025, following the Council's authorisation to the Commission on 9 November 2023 to open negotiations with the Kingdom of Morocco.

3. On 8 January 2026, the Commission presented the proposals to the Research Working Party.

4. The Research Working Party agreed on the proposals following a written consultation that was concluded on 16 January 2026.

5. 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:

   a) adopts the Council decision approving the signing and provisional application of this Agreement, in the form of an Exchange of Letters, as revised by the lawyer-linguists and set out in document ST 5468/26 for the Council decision and as set out in document ST 5481/26 for the Agreement.

   b) decides to agree in principle on the Council decision on the conclusion and the Agreement, in the form on an Exchange of Letters, as revised by the lawyer-linguists and set out in document ST 5480/26 for the Council decision and as set out in document ST 5481/26 for the Agreement, and to forward the Council decision on the conclusion and the Agreement to the European Parliament for its consent.

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6. The Council decisions will be published in the Official Journal in accordance with Article 17(2)(b) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.