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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	COUNCIL DECISION on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of the Agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and Japan, of the other part, on the participation of Japan in Union programmes - Adoption COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and Japan, of the other part, on the participation of Japan in Union programmes- Agreement in principle - Agreement in principle - Request for the consent of the European Parliament

1. At its meeting of 15 May 2023, the Council adopted the Decision authorising the opening of negotiations with Japan for an Agreement on the general principles for the participation of Japan in Union programmes and on the association of Japan to Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2021-2027).[1]

[1] OJ L 144, 5.6.2023, pp. 58–59.

2. Following the conclusions of negotiations with Japan, the Commission submitted to the Council on 23 March 2026 a proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of the Agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and Japan, of the other part, on the participation of Japan in Union programmes[2], together with the text of the Agreement as addendum to the proposal, as well as a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of that Agreement.[3]

3. At its meeting on 25 March 2026, the Research Working Party, and at its meeting on 16 April 2026, the COASI Working Party, examined the Commission proposals. Following a written consultation that concluded on 1 April 2026, the delegations of the Research Working Party agreed on the text of the draft Council Decision on the signing and the provisional application, including the text of the Agreement, and on the text of the draft Council Decision concerning the conclusion.

4. Legal-linguist experts verified and finalised the draft Council Decision on the signing and the provisional application of the Agreement, the Agreement itself and the draft Council Decision concerning the conclusion of the Agreement in documents 8279/26, 8285/26 and 8286/26 respectively.

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:

   – adopts the Council Decision on the signing and provisional application as set out in document 8279/26 and decides to inform the European Parliament in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU;

   – provides an agreement in principle on the draft Decision concerning the conclusion of the Agreement as set out in document 8286/26 and decides to submit it to the European Parliament for consent, together with the text of Agreement as set out in document 8285/26, after the Agreement is signed.

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[2] 7599/26 + ADD1.
[3] 7601/26 + ADD1.