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Proposal for a

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**on the conclusion of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and the Faroe Islands associating the Faroe Islands to Horizon 2020 - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020).**

## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

### **1. CONTEXT OF THE PROPOSAL**

On 18 March 2014 the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations, on behalf of the European Union, with the Faroe Islands on an Agreement between the European Union and the Faroe Islands associating the Faroe Islands to Horizon 2020 - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020).

Negotiations were concluded and resulted in the attached draft agreement text. The Commission proposes that, following authorisation for the signing and provisional application of the Agreement, the Council concludes the Agreement on behalf of the European Union.

The attached proposal is for a Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement. The Commission proposes that the Council:

- concludes the Agreement on behalf of the European Union.

### **2. LEGAL ELEMENTS OF THE PROPOSAL**

The proposal for a Council decision is based on Article 186 and 218(6)(a) and 218(8) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 186 in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a) and the first subparagraph of Article 218(8) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission<sup>1</sup>,

Having regard to the consent of the European Parliament<sup>2</sup>

Whereas:

- (1) The Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and the Faroe Islands associating the Faroe Islands to Horizon 2020 - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) was signed on behalf of the European Union on XX, 20XX in accordance with Council Decision No XX/XX/EU, subject to its conclusion at a later date.
- (2) The Agreement should be approved on behalf of the European Union,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

### *Article 1*

The Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and the Faroe Islands associating the Faroe Islands to Horizon 2020 - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation is hereby approved on behalf of the Union.

### *Article 2*

The President of the Council shall designate the person empowered to make, on behalf of the European Union, the notification of the completion of the procedure for the purpose of the entry into force of the Agreement provided for in Article 5(2) thereof.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L , , p. .

<sup>2</sup> OJ L , , p. .

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision.

Done at Brussels,

*For the Council  
The President*