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DRAFT RECOMMENDATION

on the proposal for a Council decision on the renewal of the Agreement on cooperation in science and technology between the European Community and Ukraine

(COM(2024)0438 – C10-0196/2024 – 2024/0240(NLE))

Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

Rapporteur: Borys Budka

Symbols for procedures

- * Consultation procedure
- *** Consent procedure
- ***I Ordinary legislative procedure (first reading)
- ***II Ordinary legislative procedure (second reading)
- ***III Ordinary legislative procedure (third reading)

(The type of procedure depends on the legal basis proposed by the draft act.)

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DRAFT EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

on the proposal for a Council decision on the renewal of the Agreement on cooperation in science and technology between the European Community and Ukraine (COM(2024)0438 – C10-0196/2024 – 2024/0240(NLE))

(Consent)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the draft Council decision (14848/2024),
 - having regard to the Council Decision 2003/96/EC of 6 February 2003 concerning the conclusion of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and Ukraine¹,
 - having regard to the request for consent submitted by the Council in accordance with Article 186 and Article 218(6), second subparagraph, point (a)(v) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (C10-0196/2024),
 - having regard to Rule 107(1) and (4), and Rule 117(7) of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the recommendation of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (A10-0000/2024),
1. Gives its consent to the renewal of the agreement;
 2. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the governments and parliaments of the Member States and of Ukraine.

¹ OJ L 36, 12.2.2003, p. 31, ELI: [http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2003/96\(1\)/oj](http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2003/96(1)/oj).

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Ukraine has a long tradition of science and technology excellence and despite the difficulties of the last years and Russia's unlawful and unprovoked war of aggression, Ukraine still has first class science and scientists, and remains an important science, technology and innovation (STI) actor in the neighbourhood of the Union. Cooperation between the Union and Ukraine has traditionally been very active notably in the fields of advanced/new materials, IT-technology, physics and astronomy, engineering, agricultural technology, nanotechnology, biotechnology and their applications across various sectors such as aviation, energy, and biomedicine, in particular immunotherapies for cancer.

The 'Agreement on cooperation in science and technology between the European Community and Ukraine' was signed in Copenhagen on 4 July 2002 and was concluded originally until 31 December 2002. Article 12 point (b) of the Agreement provides for a possibility of renewal by common agreement between the Parties for additional periods of five years. The Agreement has been renewed four times: in 2003, 2011, 2015 and 2020.

The renewal of the Agreement for an additional period of five years is in the mutual interest of both Parties to the Agreement in order to continue facilitating cooperation between the EU and Ukraine in common science and technology (S&T) priority areas leading to mutual benefits as laid out in Article 4 of the Agreement.

The substance of the proposed decision is to extend the existing Agreement. It will in all other regards be identical to that of the content of the current Agreement. As such, the renewed Agreement will not create new or additional rights and obligations for either of the Parties, but instead it will extend in time the legal regime already existing between the Parties in the field of S&T cooperation.

The content of the Agreement will remain unchanged and will not create new or additional rights and obligations for either of the Parties, but instead it will extend in time the legal regime already existing between the Parties in the field of S&T cooperation.

For the reasons stated above, the Rapporteur believes that it is in the Union's interest to renew the 'Agreement on cooperation in science and technology between the European Community and Ukraine' for a new period of five years.

**ANNEX: ENTITIES OR PERSONS
FROM WHOM THE RAPPORTEUR HAS RECEIVED INPUT**

The rapporteur declares under his exclusive responsibility that he did not receive input from any entity or person to be mentioned in this Annex pursuant to Article 8 of Annex I to the Rules of Procedure.