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COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2024/1542

of 4 March 2024

on the signing and conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the European Space Agency on the security and exchange of classified information

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 37 thereof, in conjunction with Article 218(5) and the first subparagraph of Article 218(6) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to the proposal from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

Whereas:

- (1) At its meeting on 24 October 2022, the Council decided to authorise the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (the 'High Representative') to open negotiations for the amendment of the Agreement between the European Space Agency and the European Union on the security and exchange of classified information ⁽¹⁾, signed at Brussels on 18 July 2008.
- (2) The High Representative, on behalf of the Union, has negotiated an Agreement with the European Space Agency on the security and exchange of classified information.
- (3) The Agreement with the European Space Agency on the security and exchange of classified information together with the joint declaration annexed to it should be approved on behalf of the Union,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Agreement between the European Union and the European Space Agency on the security and exchange of classified information (the 'Agreement') and the joint declaration annexed thereto are hereby approved on behalf of the Union ⁽²⁾.

Article 2

The President of the Council is hereby authorised to designate the person(s) empowered to sign the Agreement in order to bind the Union.

Article 3

The President of the Council shall, on behalf of the Union, give the notification provided for in Article 17(1) of the Agreement ⁽³⁾.

Article 4

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 4 March 2024.

For the Council

The President

A. VERLINDEN

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 219, 14.8.2008, p. 59.

⁽²⁾ The text of the Agreement is published in OJ L, 2024/1543, 31.5.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree/2024/1543/oj>.

⁽³⁾ The date of entry into force of the Agreement will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* by the General Secretariat of the Council.