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– *Adoption*

On 9 July 2007 the Commission adopted and submitted to the European Parliament and the Council its proposal for a Council Decision on the multiannual technical guidelines for the research programme of the Research Fund for Coal and Steel.

This proposal has as legal basis the Council Decision of 1 February 2003, establishing the measures necessary for the implementation of the Protocol, annexed to the Treaty establishing the European Community, on the financial consequences of the expiry of the ECSC Treaty and on the Research Fund for Coal and Steel¹.

¹ Council Decision No 2003/76/EC of 1 February 2003 establishing the measures necessary for the implementation of the Protocol, annexed to the Treaty establishing the European Community, on the financial consequences of the expiry of the ECSC Treaty and on the Research Fund for Coal and Steel Official Journal L 029 , 05/02/2003 P. 0022 - 0024

Under the Portuguese Presidency a first Presidency text was submitted to the examination of the delegations. The Research Working Party had examined the Presidency texts during several meetings.

On 24 October 2007 the Research Working Party reached agreement on the text set out in doc. 5882/08.

The opinion of the European Parliament which is mandatory as following the article 4 (1) of the Council Decision No 2003/76/EC of 1 February 2003 was given during the plenary session of 10 April 2008.

In consideration of the fact that not outstanding issues are remaining, it is recommended to the COREPER to adopt the Council Decision as an I point in view to adopt it as an A point at the General Affairs and External Relations Council of 28-29 April 2008.
