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From: ACP Working Party

To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the Agreement amending the Interim Partnership Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Pacific States, of the other part, as regards the accessions of the Independent State of Samoa and Solomon Islands, and of future accessions of other Pacific Island States

- Adoption

1. On 22 September 2020, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the Agreement amending the Interim Partnership Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Pacific States, of the other part, as regards the accessions of the Independent State of Samoa and Solomon Islands, and of future accessions of other Pacific Island States.
2. The ACP Working Party discussed the abovementioned proposal and agreed on the text of the draft Council Decision on 8 October 2020.

3. The Permanent Representatives Committee is accordingly invited to recommend that the Council at one of its upcoming meetings:
- adopt the Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the Agreement amending the Interim Partnership Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Pacific States, of the other part, as regards the accessions of the Independent State of Samoa and Solomon Islands, and of future accessions of other Pacific Island States, as set out in documents 11656/20 and 11669/20, after finalisation by the legal/linguistic experts;
 - order the publication of the Council Decision in the Official Journal after the signature;
 - inform the European Parliament of the adoption of the Council Decision.
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