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"I/A" ITEM NOTE

from:	Trade Policy Committee
to:	Permanent Representatives Committee (part 2) / Council
No. Cion prop.:	14757/11 WTO 323 AMLAT 78 SERVICES 90 COMER 184
Subject:	Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of the Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Colombia and Peru, of the other part - Date of the notification referred to in Article 3(2) of the Council Decision on signature and provisional application of the Agreement COMMON GUIDELINES Consultation deadline: 19.02.2013

- 1. On 31 May 2012, the Council adopted the Decision on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of the Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Colombia and Peru, of the other part¹.
- 2. Following the adoption of the Council Decision, the Agreement was signed on 26 June 2012.

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¹ OJ L 354, 21.12.2012, p. 1–2

- 3. Article 3(1) of the Council Decision provides that "The Agreement, with the exception of Articles 2, 202(1), 291 and 292 thereof, shall be applied on a provisional basis by the Union as provided for in Article 330(3) thereof, pending the completion of the procedures for its conclusion".
- 4. Article 3 (2) of the Council Decision provides that "In order to determine the date of provisional application of the Agreement, the Council shall fix the date by which the notification referred to in Article 330(3) thereof is to be sent to Colombia and Peru. That notification shall include references to those provisions which are not to be provisionally applied".
- 5. It should be noted that, on 8 February 2013 Peru notified to the Secretariat, as the depository of the Agreement, the completion of its internal procedures required for the entry into force of the Agreement, as provided for in Article 330(1) thereof.
- 6. The Trade Policy Committee at its meeting on 15 February 2013, endorsed the Presidency proposal to fix the date by which the notification referred to in Article 330(3) is to be sent to Colombia and Peru in accordance with Article 3(2) of the Council Decision, on 27 February 2013.
- 7. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to recommend that the Council, as an "A" item on the agenda of one of its forthcoming meetings, decides that the notification referred to in Article 330(3) is to be sent to Colombia and Peru on 27 February 2013.

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