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"I/A" ITEM NOTE

from : Trade Policy Committee
to : Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2) / Council

No. Cion prop. : 12996/13 WTO 177 COEST 228 NIS 40

Subject : Proposal for a Council Decision establishing the position to be taken by the European Union within the General Council of the World Trade Organization on the request for extending the WTO waiver on additional autonomous trade preferences granted by the European Union to the Republic of Moldova

1. On 6 August 2013, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision establishing the position to be taken by the European Union within the General Council of the World Trade Organization on the request for extending the WTO waiver on additional autonomous trade preferences granted by the European Union to the Republic of Moldova (doc. 12996/13).
2. Following its meeting on 27 September 2013 the Trade Policy Committee (Deputies) endorsed the above-mentioned Commission's proposal, as modified, to take into account a number of necessary adjustments.

3. It is therefore suggested that the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2) invite the Council to adopt the above-mentioned Council Decision, as finalised by the legal linguistic experts and set out in doc. 12998/13 WTO 179 COEST 230 NIS 42, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting.
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