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From: Working Party on Enlargement and Countries Negotiating Accession to the EU  
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council  
On: 24 September 2013

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Subject: Association with Montenegro  
- Adaptation of the EU-Montenegro Stabilisation and Association Agreement to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

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1. On 29 July 2013, the Commission submitted to the Council the following proposals and recommendation:
  - Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing and provisional application of a Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Montenegro, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union (doc. 12836/13 ME 4);

- Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of a Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Montenegro, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union (doc. 12835/13 ME 3);
  - Recommendation for a Council Decision on the approval of the conclusion by the Commission, on behalf of the European Atomic Energy Community, of a Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Montenegro, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union (doc. 12834/13 ME 2).
2. On 24 September 2013, the Working Party on Enlargement and Countries Negotiating Accession to the EU agreed to the above proposals and recommendation, subject to certain drafting changes to the texts of the three Decisions.
3. Consequently, it is suggested that the Council, subject to confirmation by the Permanent Representatives' Committee:
- adopts the Decision on the signing and provisional application of a Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement, as set out, after legal/linguistic revision, in doc. 14189/13 ME 8. The text of the Protocol is set out, after legal/linguistic revision, in doc. 14190/13 ME 9;
  - decides to request the consent of the European Parliament on the basis of the draft Decision of conclusion of the Protocol, as set out, after legal/linguistic revision, in doc. 14187/13 ME 7;
  - adopts the Decision on the approval of the conclusion of the Protocol by the Commission, on behalf of the European Atomic Energy Community, as set out in doc. 14184/13 ME 6.