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"I/A" ITEM NOTE

from : General Secretariat of the Council

to : Permanent Representatives Committee/ Council

No. Cion prop. : 8737/12 WTO 135 AGRI 221 NIS 30 COEST 124

Subject : Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Moldova on the protection of geographical indications of agricultural products and foodstuffs

- Decision on the signing

- Request by the Council for the consent of the European Parliament

COMMON GUIDELINES

Consultation deadline: 18 May 2012

1. On 27 March 2012 the Commission submitted to the Council its proposal mentioned above.
2. On 20 April 2012 the Trade Policy Committee (Deputies) endorsed the Commission proposal.
3. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to suggest that the Council adopts the Decision on the signing of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Moldova on the protection of geographical indications of agricultural products and foodstuffs, as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in documents 8739/12 WTO 137 AGRI 223 NIS 32 COEST 126 OC 189 and 8742/12 WTO 140 AGRI 226 NIS 35 COEST 129 OC 191, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting.

4. Furthermore, with a view to preparing for the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Moldova on the protection of geographical indications of agricultural products and foodstuffs, the Permanent Representatives Committee is also invited to suggest that the Council, in part "A" of the agenda of a forthcoming meeting, decides to forward the draft Decision on the conclusion as contained in document 8741/12 WTO 139 AGRI 225 NIS 34 COEST 128 OC 190 (text finalised by the legal-linguistic experts) as well as the text of the Agreement as contained in document 8742/12 WTO 140 AGRI 226 NIS 35 COEST 129 OC 191 (text finalised by the legal-linguistic experts) to the European Parliament for its consent.
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