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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Russian Federation relating to the administration of tariff-rate quotas applying to exports of wood from the Russian Federation to the European Union and the Protocol between the European Union and the Government of the Russian Federation on technical modalities pursuant to that Agreement

COUNCIL DECISION

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between the European Union and the Russian Federation
relating to the administration of tariff-rate quotas
applying to exports of wood from the Russian Federation to the European Union
and the Protocol between the European Union and
the Government of the Russian Federation
on technical modalities pursuant to that Agreement**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular the first subparagraph of Article 207(4) in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Having regard to the consent of the European Parliament,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Council Decision.../.../EU^{1*}, the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Russian Federation relating to the administration of tariff-rate quotas applying to exports of wood from the Russian Federation to the European Union ("the Agreement") and the Protocol between the European Union and the Government of the Russian Federation on technical modalities pursuant to that Agreement ("the Protocol"), were signed on ..., subject to their conclusion.
- (2) The Agreement and the Protocol should be approved,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

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OJ: Please insert the number and publication reference for Decision set out in doc. st16760/11.

Article 1

The Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Russian Federation relating to the administration of tariff-rate quotas applying to exports of wood from the Russian Federation to the European Union, and of the Protocol between the European Union and the Government of the Russian Federation on technical modalities pursuant to that Agreement, are hereby approved on behalf of the Union.¹

Article 2

The President of the Council shall designate the person(s) empowered to proceed, on behalf of the Union, to make the notification provided for in the Agreement and in paragraph 2 of Article 26 of the Protocol, in order to express the consent of the Union to be bound by the Agreement and the Protocol².

¹ The Agreement and the Protocol have been published in OJ ... together with the decision on signing.

² The date of entry into force of the Agreement and the Protocol will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* by the General Secretariat of the Council.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at ...,

For the Council

The President
