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Subject : Agreement between the European Union and Australia amending the Agreement on mutual recognition in relation to conformity assessment, certificates and markings between the European Community and Australia
- Adoption of the conclusion of the Agreement

1. On 1 June 2010 the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Decision on the signature on behalf of the European Union of an Agreement between the European Union and Australia amending the Agreement on mutual recognition in relation to conformity assessment between the European Community and Australia and a proposal for a Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and Australia amending the Agreement on mutual recognition in relation to conformity assessment, certificates and markings between the European Community and Australia.

2. On 18 July 2011 the Council decided to forward the draft decision on conclusion as contained in document 12124/10 as well as the text of the Agreement as set out in document 12150/10 COR 1AUS 13 ARM 13 MI 246 and 12150/10 AUS 13 ARM 13 MI 246 to the European Parliament for its consent.
3. At the plenary session from 10 to 13 September 2012, the European Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the Agreement.
4. It is therefore suggested that the Permanent Representatives Committee invites the Council to adopt as an "A" item the decision as set out in document 12124/10 AUS 12 ARM 11 MI 243.
