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from: General Secretariat of the Council  
to: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2) / Council  
No. Cion prop.: 8740/12 WTO 138 AGRI 224 NIS 33 COEST 127

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Subject: Proposal for a Council Decision on 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  
- Decision on the conclusion  
**COMMON GUIDELINES**  
**Consultation deadline: 27 November 2012**

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1. The Commission submitted to the Council on 27 March 2012 a proposal for 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<sup>1</sup> as well as a proposal for Council Decision on the conclusion of that Agreement<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Doc. 8737/12 WTO 135 AGRI 221 NIS 30 COEST 124.

<sup>2</sup> Doc. 8740/12 WTO 138 AGRI 224 NIS 33 COEST 127.

2. The Council adopted the Decision on the signing of the Agreement on 31 May 2012<sup>1</sup>. At the same time and in accordance with Article 218(6)(a)(v) TFEU, the Council decided to forward draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement, as finalised by legal-linguistic experts and set out in documents 8741/12 WTO 139 AGRI 225 NIS 34 COEST 128 OC 190 and 8742/12 WTO 140 AGRI 226 NIS 35 COEST 129 OC 191, to the European Parliament for its consent, with a view to preparing for the future conclusion of the Agreement.
3. Following the adoption of the Council Decision on the signing, the Agreement was signed on 26 June 2012.
4. The European Parliament provided its consent to the conclusion of the Agreement on 25 October 2012.
5. The draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement was endorsed by the Trade Policy Committee (Deputies) on 16 November 2012.
6. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to recommend that the Council adopt, as an "A" item on the agenda of one of its forthcoming meetings, the draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement, as finalised by legal-linguistic experts and set out in documents 8741/12 WTO 139 AGRI 225 NIS 34 COEST 128 OC 190 and 8742/12 WTO 140 AGRI 226 NIS 35 COEST 129 OC 191.

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<sup>1</sup> Published in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJ L 147, 7.6.2012, p. 1).