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from : General Secretariat of the Council

to : Permanent Representatives Committee/ Council

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Subject : Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the People's Republic of China pursuant to Article XXIV:6 and Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions in the schedules of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania in the course of their accession to the European Union

- Decision on the signing
- Request by the Council for the consent of the European Parliament

COMMON GUIDELINES

Consultation deadline: 27.11.2012

1. On 7 November 2012, the Commission submitted to the Council its proposal mentioned above.
2. The proposal was examined and endorsed by the Trade Policy Committee (Deputies) at its meeting on 23 November 2012.

3. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to recommend that the Council adopts, as an "A" item on the agenda of one of its forthcoming meetings, the proposed Decision on the signing of the said Agreement, as finalised by the Legal/Linguistic experts and set out in documents 16111/12 and 16118/12.

 4. Furthermore, with a view to preparing for the future conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the People's Republic of China pursuant to Article XXIV:6 and Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions in the schedules of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania in the course of their accession to the European Union, the Permanent Representatives Committee is also invited to recommend that the Council decides, as an "A" item at the same meeting, to forward the draft Decision on the conclusion of the said Agreement, as finalised by the Legal Linguistic experts and set out in documents 16112/12 and 16118/12, to the European Parliament for its consent.
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