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From:	Asia Oceania Working Party
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Subject:	COUNCIL DECISION on the signing, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, and provisional application of a Protocol to the Framework Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, on the one hand, and the Republic of Korea, on the other hand, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union

1. On 26 June 2015, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, and provisional application of a Protocol to the Framework Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, on the one hand, and the Republic of Korea, of the other hand, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.
2. At the same date, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion¹ of the above-mentioned Protocol.

¹ 10403/15 + ADD1

3. In accordance with the second subparagraph of Article 6(2) of the Act of Accession of the Republic of Croatia, the accession of the Republic of Croatia to agreements signed or concluded by the European Union and its Member States is to be agreed by means of a Protocol to those agreements.
4. On 6 July 2015, the Asia Oceania Working Party examined the above-mentioned Protocol and reached a technical agreement on the text of the draft Council Decision on the signing and provisional application, and on the draft Council Decision on the conclusion. The last reserve was lifted and communicated on 17 March 2016.
5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is accordingly invited to recommend that the Council at one of its upcoming meetings:
 - adopt as an 'A' item the draft Council Decision on the signing of the Protocol as set out after finalisation by the Legal/Linguistic experts in document 7729/16 and thereby authorise the signature and the provisional application of the Protocol as set out in document 7730/16;
 - decide to request the consent of the European Parliament, following the signature, on the basis of the draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol, as set out after finalisation by the Legal/Linguistic experts in document 7817/16.
