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Subject:	COUNCIL DECISION on the signing, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of the Protocol to the Framework Agreement on Partnership and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Mongolia, of the other part, to take into account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union - Adoption - Request for the consent of the European Parliament

1. On 29 May 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, of the Protocol to the Framework Agreement on Partnership and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Mongolia, of the other part, 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 9469/15+ ADD 1.

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 15 July 2015, the Asia Oceania Working Party examined the above-mentioned Protocol and agreed that, once the last scrutiny was lifted, it would be further processed with a view to adopt the Decision on signature and request the consent of Parliament on the conclusion of the Protocol.
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 8938/16 and thereby authorise the signature and the provisional application of the Protocol as set out in document 8940/16;
 - 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 9264/16.