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#### 'I/A' ITEM NOTE

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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Draft Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of an agreement in the form of the Declaration on the Expansion of Trade in Information Technology Products (ITA) - Adoption

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1. On 8 March 2016, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of an agreement in the form of a Declaration on the expansion of Trade in Information Technology Products (ITA)<sup>1</sup>.
2. On 11 April 2016, in accordance with Article 218(6)(a)(v) TFEU, the Council decided to forward the draft Decision on the conclusion of an agreement in the form of the Declaration on the Expansion of Trade in Information Technology Products (ITA), as finalised by the Legal Linguistic experts and set out in documents 6925/16 and 6926/16 + REV 1 (sl), to the European Parliament for its consent.
3. The European Parliament provided its consent to the conclusion of the Agreement on 8 June 2016.

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<sup>1</sup> Doc. 6914/16 WTO 56 + ADD1.

4. The draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement was endorsed by the Trade Policy Committee (Deputies) on 10 June 2016.
5. 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 in the form of the Declaration on the Expansion of Trade in Information Technology Products (ITA), as finalised by legal/linguistic experts and set out in documents 6925/16 and 6926/16 + REV 1 (sl).

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