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Subject:	Draft Council Decision on the signing and provisional application of the Economic Partnership Agreement between the East African Community Partner States, of the one part, and the European Union and its Member States, of the other part - Adoption / Statement by Portugal

Statement by Portugal to be included in the Council's minutes regarding the provisional application of the Economic Partnership Agreement between the East African Community Partner States, on one part, and the European Union and its Member States, on the other part

Bearing in mind the compliance with the principle of competence sharing between the European Union and its Member States, as has been defined by the Treaties, the Decision of the Council authorizing the signature and provisional application of the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) between the East African Community Partner States (EAC), on one part, and the European Union and its Member States, on the other part, shall not affect the autonomy of Portugal's decisions regarding issues within its reserved national competence, whose decision to be bound by the Agreement, pursuant to the Constitutional principles and rules, depends on the conclusion of the internal ratification procedures and the entry into force of the agreement in the international legal system.