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From:	ACP Working Party
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the SADC EPA States, of the other part - Request by the Council for consent of the European Parliament

1. On 22 January 2016, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the signing and provisional application of the Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the SADC EPA States, of the other part¹, and a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the same Agreement².
2. On 1 June 2016, the Council adopted a Decision on the signing and provisional application of the Agreement³.
3. The Agreement was signed by all parties on 10 June 2016.

¹ Document 5608/16 + ADD 1-19.

² Document 5571/16 + ADD 1-19.

³ Documents 5729/16 + COR 1 (en, mt) and 5730/2/16 REV 2 + ADD 1-10 + ADD 1, 6, 9, 10 REV 1 (it) + ADD 6 COR 1 (fr).

4. On 15 June 2016, the ACP Working Party agreed on the text of the Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement.
 5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is accordingly invited to recommend that the Council decide, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, to forward the draft Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement, as set out, following finalisation by the Legal/Linguistic experts in document 10107/16, as well as the text of the Agreement as already contained in document 5730/2/16 REV 2 + ADD 1-10 + ADD 1, 6, 9, 10 REV 1 (it) + ADD 6 COR 1 (fr), to the European Parliament for consent.
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