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| From:          | Presidency                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| To:            | Permanent Representatives Committee/Council                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| No. Cion doc.: | 10660/16 WTO 175 COASI 140 USA 42                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Subject:       | Draft COUNCIL DECISION establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the General Council of the World Trade Organization on the United States' request for a WTO waiver to extend the system of preferential treatment granted to the Former Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands<br>- Adoption |

1. On 24 June 2016, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the General Council of the World Trade Organization on the United States' request for a WTO waiver to extend the system of preferential treatment granted to the Former Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.
2. At its meeting on 1 July 2016, the Trade Policy Committee (Deputies) endorsed the above-mentioned Commission proposal.

3. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to recommend that the Council adopts, as an "A" item on the agenda of one of its forthcoming meetings, the proposed Decision, as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in document 10662/16 WTO 177 COASI 142 USA 44.
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