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NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE TRADE POLICY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: *State of play of ratification of Economic Partnership Agreements*

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OBJECTIVE: *For information*

REMARKS:

Please find attached the state of play of EPA signature, ratification and notification of ratification for the six African beneficiaries of the Market Access Regulation subject to the Delegated Acts issued by the Commission on 8 July 2016. It shows progress made by the six countries since that date. By notifying the EU of their ratification of an Economic Partnership Agreement, five out of six countries have now met the condition for duty-free quota-free access referred to in those Delegated Acts.

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MAR beneficiary	EPA signature	Ratification	Notification to the Council of the EU
Botswana	10 June	30 June	9 August
Côte d'Ivoire	2008	12 August	24 August
Ghana	28 July	3 August	5 September
Kenya	1 September	Outstanding	Outstanding
Namibia	10 June	6 July	6 September
Swaziland	10 June	26 August	8 September

*All dates refer to 2016 unless otherwise specified.