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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)/Council
Subject:	The New York Declaration of the Coalition for an Ambitious HFC Amendment
	- Approval of signature on behalf of the European Union

1. The New York Declaration of the Coalition for an Ambitious HFC Amendment aims at leveraging support for an ambitious outcome of the negotiations towards agreeing an amendment to the Montreal Protocol on a global reduction in the use of global warming hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) in the run up to the next Meeting of the Parties (MOP 28, Kigali, Rwanda, 10 -14 October 2016).
2. On 14 September 2016, the Working Party on the Environment received information from the European Commission on its intention to sign the Declaration.
3. In light of the foregoing, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to suggest to the Council that it approves the signature, on behalf of the European Union, of the Declaration, as set out in Annex.

The New York Declaration of the Coalition for an Ambitious HFC Amendment

Recognizing that no challenge poses a greater threat to future generations than climate change, we strongly support the adoption of an ambitious hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) phasedown amendment at the upcoming October 2016 Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol in Rwanda that includes an early first reduction step for non-Article 5 parties, an early freeze date for Article 5 parties, and an ambitious phasedown schedule for all parties.

Such an amendment is one of the most significant steps the world can take right now to deliver on the goals of the Paris Agreement. HFCs are extremely potent greenhouse gases and an amendment to the Montreal Protocol to phase down HFCs could avoid up to 0.5°C of warming by the end of the century. Adopting an amendment would build on progress made earlier this year at negotiating sessions in Geneva and Vienna and achieve the political goal set out in the November 2015 Dubai Pathway.

This statement is supported by X, Y, Z, XX Group, YY Group, and ZZ Group, collectively representing over XXX countries.
