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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council
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Subject:	Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the Partnership Agreement on Relations and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and New Zealand, of the other part - Adoption

1. On 25 June 2012, the Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, authorised the Commission and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to open negotiations with New Zealand on a Framework Agreement to replace the Joint Declaration on relations and cooperation between the European Union and New Zealand of 21 September 2007 (10812/12 and 10814/12).
2. The negotiations on the Partnership Agreement on Relations and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and New Zealand, of the other part were successfully concluded on 30 July 2014. The Partnership Agreement was initialled on 10 March 2015.

3. On 14 April 2016, the Commission submitted to the Council a Joint Proposal for Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the Partnership Agreement on Relations and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and New Zealand of the other part, and, at annex, the final result of the negotiations in the form of a draft Partnership Agreement on Relations and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and New Zealand, of the other part (7998/16 + ADD1).
4. At its meetings on 11 and 25 May 2016, the Asia-Oceania Working Party examined the proposals and reached agreement on the texts.
5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is accordingly invited to recommend that the Council at one of its upcoming meetings:
  - adopts as an 'A' item the Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the Partnership Agreement on Relations and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and New Zealand, of the other part, as set out after finalisation by the Legal/Linguistic experts in document 9778/16, and thereby authorise the signature and the provisional application of the Partnership Agreement on Relations and Cooperation as set out in document 9787/16 + COR1 (cs) + REV 1 (et).