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From:	ACP Working Party
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	11862/08 - COM(2008) 441 final
Subject:	Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the stepping stone Economic Partnership Agreement between Ghana, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part - Request for the consent of the European Parliament

1. On 11 July 2008, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the signing and provisional application of the stepping stone Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Ghana, of the other part¹, and a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the same Agreement².
2. On 21 November 2008, the Council adopted a Decision on the signing and provisional application of the Agreement³.
3. The signature of the Agreement was completed on 28 July 2016.

¹ Document 11852/08 + ADD 1-5.

² Document 11862/08 + ADD 1-5.

³ Documents 12130/08 + ADD 1-4.

4. On 21 September 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 12396/16, as well as the text of the Agreement as already contained in document 12130/08 + ADD 1-4, to the European Parliament for consent.
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