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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: Draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Eastern Republic of Uruguay pursuant to Article XXIV:6 and Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions in the schedule of the Republic of Croatia in the course of its accession to the European Union  
- Adoption

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1. On 3 March 2016, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the signing<sup>1</sup> of the above-mentioned Agreement as well as a proposal for a Council Decision on its conclusion<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Doc. 6866/16 WTO 50 AGRI 114 UD 47 COLAC 10 + ADD 1.

<sup>2</sup> Doc. 6867/16 WTO 51 AGRI 115 UD 48 COLAC 11 + ADD 1.

2. The Council Decision on the signing of the Agreement was adopted by the Council on 11 April 2016<sup>3</sup>. At the same time and in accordance with Article 218(6)(a)(v) TFEU, the Council decided to forward the draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement, as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in documents 6870/16 and 6871/16, to the European Parliament for its consent, with a view to preparing for the future conclusion of the Agreement.
3. The Agreement with the Eastern Republic of Uruguay was signed on 16 June 2016.
4. The European Parliament provided its consent to the conclusion of the Agreement on 13 September 2016.
5. The draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement was endorsed by the Trade Policy Committee (Deputies) on 30 September 2016.
6. 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 draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement, as finalised by legal/linguistic experts and set out in documents 6870/16 and 6871/16.

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<sup>3</sup> Published in OJ L 101, 16.4.2016, p. 1.