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Subject: Draft COUNCIL DECISION on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Federative Republic of Brazil 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

and

Draft COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Federative Republic of Brazil 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

- Request for the consent of the European Parliament

1. On 3 October 2016, the Commission submitted to the Council:
 - a) a proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Federative Republic of Brazil 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 (doc. 12934/16 + ADD 1); and
 - b) a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Federative Republic of Brazil 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 (doc. 12935/16 + ADD 1).
2. The proposals were examined by the Trade Policy Committee (Deputies) at its meeting on 14 October 2016 and were subsequently endorsed.
3. 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 Decision on the signing of the said Agreement, as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in documents 13036/16 WTO 282 AGRI 542 UD 205 COLAC 85 and 13038/16 WTO 284 AGRI 544 UD 207 COLAC 87.
4. Furthermore, with a view to preparing for the future conclusion of the said Agreement, the Permanent Representatives' Committee is also invited to recommend that the Council decides, as an "A" item at the same meeting, to forward the draft Decision on the conclusion of the said Agreement, as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in documents 13037/16 WTO 283 AGRI 543 UD 206 COLAC 86 and 13038/16 WTO 284 AGRI 544 UD 207 COLAC 87, to the European Parliament for its consent.