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'I/A' ITEM NOTE

From: Working Party on European Free Trade Association (EFTA)
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: Draft COUNCIL DECISION on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of an agreement between the European Union and Iceland on the protection of geographical indications for agricultural products and foodstuffs
= Adoption

1. On 24 August 2016, the Commission submitted the abovementioned proposal to the Council.
2. The purpose of the proposal is to authorise the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of an agreement between the European Union and Iceland on the protection of geographical indications for agricultural products and foodstuffs.
3. At its meeting of 5 September 2016, the Working Party agreed on the substance of the proposal.

4. In light of the above, the COREPER/Council is invited to:

- a) adopt the draft Council Decision on the signing of the abovementioned agreement, as set out in documents 11785/16 WTO 237 AELE 60 ISL 39 AGRI 455 and 12124/16 WTO 246 AELE 64 ISL 42 AGRI 474, prepared by the legal-linguistic experts;
- b) decide to request the consent of the European Parliament, on the basis of the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the agreement, as set out in documents 11782/16 WTO 234 AELE 57 ISL 36 AGRI 452 and 12124/16 WTO 246 AELE 64 ISL 42 AGRI 474.
