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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 in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Union and Iceland concerning additional trade preferences in agricultural products
= Adoption

1. On 9 September 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 in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Union and Iceland concerning additional trade preferences in agricultural products.
3. At its meeting of 15 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 12150/16 WTO 253 AELE 70 ISL 49 AGRI 481 and 12147/16 WTO 250 AELE 67 ISL 46 AGRI 478, 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 12146/16 WTO 249 AELE 66 ISL 45 AGRI 477 and 12147/16 WTO 250 AELE 67 ISL 46 AGRI 478, prepared by the legal-linguistic experts.
