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

Subject: Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion of an agreement between the European Union and Iceland on the protection of geographical indications for agricultural products and foodstuffs
= Agreement in principle
= Request for the consent of the European Parliament

1. On 24 August 2016, the Commission submitted the abovementioned proposal to the Council.
2. The purpose of the proposal is to authorise the conclusion 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, COREPER/the Council is invited to:

- a) agree in principle on the text of the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the abovementioned 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, prepared by the legal-linguistic experts;
- b) decide to forward the draft Council Decision to the European Parliament for its consent.
