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AELE 68
ISL 47
AGRI 479

'I/A' ITEM NOTE

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 in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Union and Iceland concerning additional trade preferences in agricultural products
= Agreement in principle
= Request for the consent of the European Parliament

1. On 9 September 2016, the Commission submitted the abovementioned proposal to the Council.
2. The purpose of the proposal is to authorise the conclusion 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, 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 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;
- b) decide to forward the draft Council Decision to the European Parliament for its consent.
