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From: ACP Working Party
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject: Draft Council Decision on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union within the CARIFORUM-EU Trade and Development Committee of the Economic Partnership Agreement between the CARIFORUM States, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part, with regard to the establishment of a Special Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries
- Adoption

1. On 26 May 2016, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union within the CARIFORUM-EU Trade and Development Committee of the Economic Partnership Agreement between the CARIFORUM States, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part, with regard to the establishment of a Special Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries¹. This proposal constitutes the legal instrument for the establishment of a Special Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries in the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA), signed on 15 October 2008 between the CARIFORUM States, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part.

¹ Doc. 9608/16 + ADD 1.

2. The ACP Working Party discussed the abovementioned proposal for the Council decision and agreed on the text on 22 November 2016.
 3. The Permanent Representatives Committee is accordingly invited to recommend that the Council adopt, as an “A” item, the text set out in document 10962/16, after finalisation by the legal/linguistic experts, which will serve as a basis for negotiations in the CARIFORUM-EU Trade and Development Committee of the Economic Partnership Agreement, with regard to the establishment of a Special Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries.
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