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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: Draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Federative Republic of Brazil pursuant to Article XXIV:6 and Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions in the schedule of the Republic of Croatia in the course of its accession to the European Union  
- Adoption

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1. On 3 October 2016, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the signing<sup>1</sup>, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Federative Republic of Brazil pursuant to Article XXIV:6 and Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions in the schedule of the Republic of Croatia in the course of its accession to the European Union, as well as a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion<sup>2</sup> of that Agreement.

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<sup>1</sup> Doc. 12934/16 WTO 277 AGRI 535 UD 203 COLAC 83 + ADD 1.

<sup>2</sup> Doc. 12935/16 WTO 278 AGRI 536 UD 204 COLAC 84 + ADD 1.

2. On 11 November 2016, the Council adopted the Decision on the signing<sup>3</sup> of the Agreement. At the same time and in accordance with Article 218(6)(a)(v) TFEU, the Council decided to forward the draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in document 13037/16 WTO 283 AGRI 543 UD 206 COLAC 86, together with the Agreement itself<sup>4</sup>, to the European Parliament for its consent, with a view to preparing for the future conclusion of the Agreement.
3. The Agreement with the Federative Republic of Brazil was signed on 25 November 2016.
4. On 15 March 2017, the European Parliament provided its consent to the conclusion of the Agreement.
5. On 24 March 2017, the Trade Policy Committee (Deputies) endorsed the draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement.
6. The Permanent Representatives' Committee is therefore invited to recommend that the Council adopt, as an "A" item on the agenda of one of its forthcoming meetings, the draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in document 13037/16 WTO 283 AGRI 543 UD 206 COLAC 86.

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<sup>3</sup> Doc. 13036/16 WTO 282 AGRI 542 UD 205 COLAC 85 (published in OJ L 308, 16.11.2016, p. 1).

<sup>4</sup> Doc. 13038/16 WTO 284 AGRI 544 UD 207 COLAC 87.