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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject:	Draft COUNCIL DECISION on EU accession to the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) - Adoption

1. On 15 November 2016, the Commission submitted a proposal for a Council Decision on EU accession to the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC)¹.
2. On 23 January 2017, the Council agreed on the draft Council Decision on EU accession to the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) as set out in document 15540/16 + ADD 1 as finalised by the legal/linguistic experts, and decided to request the European Parliament to give its consent.
3. On 16 May 2017, the European Parliament, meeting in plenary in Strasbourg, gave its consent on the draft Council Decision on EU accession to the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) as set out in document 15540/16 + ADD 1.

¹ doc. 14548/16.

4. In light of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to suggest that the Council:

- a) adopt the Council Decision on EU accession to the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) as set out in document 15540/16 + ADD 1;
- b) ask the Presidency of the Council of the European Union to deposit, on behalf of the European Union, the Union's Instrument of Accession to the International Cotton Advisory Committee.
