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Decision of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, authorising the Commission to open negotiations, on behalf of the Member States, on the provisions that fall within the competence of the Member States of a Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Cuba, of the other part (doc. 17119/13 - LIMITE)

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Delegations will find attached the partially declassified version of the above-mentioned document.



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from: Working Party on Latin America and the Caribbean

to: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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- adoption

1. On 18 April 2013, the Commission submitted to the Council the Recommendation to authorise the Commission and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to open negotiations and negotiate, on behalf of the European Union, the provisions of a Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and the Republic of Cuba, of the other part (doc. 8702/13).

2. Since then, the Working Group on Latin America and the Caribbean has examined this issue in a number of meetings and has, at the end of this examination process, endorsed, at its meeting on 28 January 2014, the corresponding texts, as set out, after legal-linguistic revision, in the following documents:
 - Council Decision authorising the Commission and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to open negotiations, on behalf of the European Union, on the provisions that fall within the Union's competence of a Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Cuba, of the other part (doc. 17116/13 - LIMITE);

 - Decision of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, authorising the Commission to open negotiations, on behalf of the Member States, on the provisions that fall within the competence of the Member States of a Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Cuba, of the other part (doc. 17119/13 - LIMITE);

and the negotiating directives as contained in doc. 17116/13 ADD 1 - RESTREINT.

3. Therefore, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to:
- a) approve the texts listed above,
 - b) recommend that the Council adopts the Council Decision (doc. 17116/13) and the negotiating directives (doc. 17116/13 ADD 1),
 - c) recommend that the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, adopt the Decision as contained in doc. 17119/13, and
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