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From: ACP Working Party  
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council  
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Subject: Draft Council Decision establishing a European Union Position in view of the adoption of a decision of the EPA Committee set up by the Interim agreement establishing a framework for an Economic Partnership Agreement between the Eastern and Southern Africa States, on the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, on the other part, regarding the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union and changes in the list of countries and territories associated with the European Union  
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1. On 19 July 2017, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision establishing a European Union Position in view of the adoption of a decision of the EPA Committee set up by the Interim agreement establishing a framework for an Economic Partnership Agreement between the Eastern and Southern Africa States, on the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, on the other part, regarding the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union and changes in the list of countries and territories associated with the European Union.
2. The ACP Working Party discussed the abovementioned proposal for the Council decision and agreed on the text of the draft Council Decision on 13 September 2017.

3. The Permanent Representatives Committee is accordingly invited to recommend that the Council adopt, as an “A” item, the text set out in document 12109/17, after finalisation by the legal/linguistic experts, which will serve as a basis for negotiations in the EPA Committee set up by the Interim agreement establishing a framework for an Economic Partnership Agreement between the Eastern and Southern Africa States, on the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, on the other part.
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