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'I/A' ITEM NOTE

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council

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Subject: Council Decision on the conclusion of the Framework Agreement on Partnership and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of the Philippines, of the other part
- Adoption

1. Following the successful completion of the negotiations on a Framework Agreement on Partnership and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of the Philippines, of the other part, the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA) was initialled by the European Commission and the Philippines on 25 June 2010.

2. On 14 May 2012, the Council adopted a decision on the signing of the Agreement¹. The Agreement was signed on 11 July 2012.
3. On 19 December 2013, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Framework Agreement on Partnership and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of the Philippines, of the other part.
4. On 3 September 2014, the Asia-Oceania Working Party examined the consequences of the judgment in Case C-377/12, Commission v. Council, and on 21 January 2015 it reached agreement on a draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement.
5. On 17 February 2015, the Council decided to forward the draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Framework Agreement on Partnership and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of the Philippines, of the other part, as contained in document 5431/15, as well as the text of the Agreement as set out following finalisation by the legal/linguistic experts in document 15616/10 + COR 1, to the European Parliament so that it may give its consent.
6. Consent by the European Parliament was given on 8 June 2016.
7. On 26 July 2017, the ratification procedures of the Framework Agreement were finalised.
8. On 13 September 2017, the Asia-Oceania Working Party took note of the completion of the ratification procedures and decided to submit the draft Council Decision in question to the Council for adoption.

¹ OJ L 134/3 of 24.5.2012.

9. Pursuant to its Article 57(1) the Agreement will enter into force on the first day of the month following the date on which the last Party has notified the other of the completion of the legal procedures.
10. The Permanent Representatives Committee is accordingly invited to recommend that the Council at one of its upcoming meetings:
 - adopts as an 'A' item the Council Decision on the conclusion of the Framework Agreement on Partnership and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of the Philippines, of the other part, as contained in in J/L document 5431/15, as well as the text of the Agreement as contained in J/L document 15616/10 + COR 1.
