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

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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion on behalf of the Union of the Framework Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Australia, of the other part  
- Request for the consent of the European Parliament

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1. On 14 April 2016, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the Framework Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Australia, of the other part, and, as an annex, the final result of the negotiations in the form of a draft Framework Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Australia, of the other part (7984/16 + ADD1).
2. On 29 September 2016, Council adopted a decision on the signing of the Agreement<sup>1</sup>. The Agreement was signed in Manila on 7 August 2017.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 237, 15.09.2017, p.5.

3. On 28 November 2016, the Commission submitted to the Council a joint proposal of the High Representative and Commission for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Framework Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Australia, of the other part (14996/16).
4. On 13 September 2017, the Asia Oceania Working Party examined the above-mentioned proposal and agreed that, the last scrutiny having been lifted, it would be further processed with a view to requesting the consent of Parliament for conclusion of the Agreement.
5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is accordingly invited to recommend that the Council at one of its upcoming meetings:
  - decides to request the consent of the European Parliament on the basis of the draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement, as set out after finalisation by the Legal/Linguistic experts in document 15467/16.

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