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



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Delegations will find attached the Presidency compromise text based on the discussions during the Competition Working Party meeting on 5 September 2016 and the Competition Working Party meeting (Attachés) on 25 October 2016.

Changes compared with the initial Commission Proposal, ST 12665-16 + ADD 1 are marked in **bold underlined** and strikethrough.

**Proposal for a
COUNCIL DECISION**

authorising the Commission to open negotiations for an agreement on co-operation in the area of competition policy between the European Union and the Government of Japan

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 218(3) and (4) thereof,

Having regard to the recommendation of the European Commission,

Whereas negotiations should be opened with a view to concluding an agreement with the Government of Japan on co-operation in the area of competition policy,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Commission is hereby authorised to open negotiations with the Government of Japan a view to concluding an agreement adding provisions to the "Agreement between the European Union and the Government of Japan concerning cooperation on anti-competitive activities".

Article 2

The negotiation directives are set out in the annex to this decision.

Article 3

The negotiation shall be conducted in consultation with the **Working Party of the Council on Competition** ~~[name of the special committee to be inserted by the Council]~~.

Article 4

This decision is addressed to the Commission.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

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