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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Adoption of a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Indonesia on forest law enforcement, governance and trade in timber products to the European Union

1. On 20 June 2013, the Commission submitted to the Council two proposals for Council Decisions on the signing and on the conclusion of a Voluntary Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Indonesia on forest law enforcement, governance and trade in timber products to the European Union.
2. On 23 September 2013, the Council adopted the Decision on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Indonesia on forest law enforcement, governance and trade in timber products to the European Union. The Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Indonesia was actually signed on 30 September 2013, subject to its conclusion at a later date.

3. At its meeting on 23 September 2013, the Council decided to request the European Parliament's consent for the conclusion of the above Agreement. At its session on 24-27 February 2014, the European Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the Agreement.
 4. Coreper is therefore invited to suggest that the Council, in part "A" of the agenda of a forthcoming meeting, decides to adopt the Decision on the conclusion as contained in document 11767/2/13 REV 2, as well as the text of the Agreement as contained in document 11769/1/13 REV 1 + COR 1.
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