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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Association with Montenegro

- Council Decision on the conclusion on behalf of the European Union and its Member States of the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Montenegro, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union

1. On 22 October 2013, the Council adopted a Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, and provisional application of the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Montenegro, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union. Furthermore, the Council decided to request the consent of the European Parliament with a view to the further conclusion of the Protocol.
2. The Protocol was signed on 18 December 2013¹.

¹ OJ L 93, 28.3.2014, p.2

3. The European Parliament gave its consent on 16 April 2014.
4. It is therefore proposed to the Council, subject to confirmation by the Permanent Representatives Committee, to adopt the Decision on the conclusion of the above mentioned Protocol with Montenegro. The text of the Decision, as it stands after legal and linguistic editing, is set out in 14187/13 ME 7 + COR 1 (hu).

The European Parliament will be informed of the adoption of the aforementioned Decision.
