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From: Working Party on Commodities
dated: 11 July 2014
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)

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Subject: Council Decision on the position to be adopted on behalf of th European Union within the Council of Members of the International Olive Oil Council concerning the prolongation of the 2005 International Agreement on olive oil and table olives
- Adoption

1. The 2005 International Agreement on olive oil and table olives will expire on 31 December 2014 unless the Council of Members of the International Olive Council (IOC) decides to prolong it. On 2 July 2014, the Commission submitted a proposal for a Council Decision with a view to establishing the position to be taken, on behalf of the European Union, within the Council of Members of the IOC concerning the prolongation of the Agreement, for a further period of up to one year, after 31 December 2014.

2. The Working Party on Commodities examined the proposal at its meeting on 11 July 2014 and agreed on the Presidency suggested amendments as set out in doc 11840/14 AGRI 495 PROBA 31 (with France¹ and Cyprus opposing).
 3. Given the urgency of a timely Union position on the prolongation in view of the IOC meeting likely to take place in the second half of September 2014, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to decide on the use of the written procedure for the formal adoption of the Council Decision set out in document 11912/14 AGRI 501 PROBA 33 as finalised by the lawyer-linguists.²
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¹ France also entered a parliamentary scrutiny reserve.

² Notification of the prolongation of the 2005 International Agreement on olive oil and table olives will be published in the Official Journal, C series.