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From: ACP Working Party
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: Draft Council Decision on the signing on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, and provisional application of the Additional Protocol to the Trade, Development and Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of South Africa, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union
- Adoption

1. On 13 August 2014, the Commission forwarded to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the signing on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, and provisional application of the Additional Protocol to the Trade, Development and Cooperation Agreement with the Republic of South Africa (TDCA), to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.
2. In accordance with the second subparagraph of Article 6(2) of the of Act of Accession of Croatia to the European Union, the accession of Croatia to the TDCA is to be agreed by concluding a Protocol to this Agreement.
3. The Additional Protocol, which has been negotiated by the Commission and agreed with the Republic of South Africa on 19 May 2014, provides for technical adaptations of the TDCA necessary to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

4. On 9 September 2014, the ACP Working Party examined the abovementioned Protocol and agreed on the text of the draft Council Decision on its signature and provisional application.
 5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is accordingly invited to recommend that the Council adopt, as an “A” item, the draft Decision set out in document 12999/14 and thereby authorise the signature and the provisional application of the Protocol set out in document 13175/14.
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