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From: Asia Oceania Working Party
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council
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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the signing, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of the Protocol to the Framework Agreement on Partnership and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of the Philippines, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union

1. On 23 July 2014, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of the Protocol to the Framework Agreement on Partnership and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of the Philippines, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.
2. At the same date, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion¹ of the above-mentioned Protocol.

¹ 12181/14 + ADD 1 - COM (2014) 482 final

3. In accordance with the second subparagraph of Article 6(2) of the Act of Accession of the Republic of Croatia, the accession of the Republic of Croatia to agreements signed or concluded by the European Union and its Member States is to be agreed by means of a Protocol to those agreements.
4. On 3 September, the Asia Oceania Working Party examined the above-mentioned Protocol and agreed on the text of the draft Council Decision on the signing and on the draft Council Decision on the conclusion.
5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is accordingly invited to recommend that the Council at one of its upcoming meetings:
 - adopt as an 'A' item the draft Council Decision on the signing of the Protocol as set out after finalisation by the Legal/Linguistic experts in document 13081/14 and thereby authorise the signature and the provisional application of the Protocol set out in document 13082/14;
 - decide to request the consent of the European Parliament, following the signature, on the basis of the draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol as set out after finalisation by the Legal/Linguistic experts in document 13085/14.
