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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and the French Republic concerning the application to the collectivity of Saint-Barthélemy of Union legislation on the taxation of savings and administrative cooperation in the field of taxation
- Adoption

1. On 20-21 October 2011 the Council adopted the Decision authorising the Commission to negotiate an agreement with the French Republic on behalf of its territory of Saint-Barthélemy providing for the application, as regards this territory, of the Union legislation on taxation of savings and administrative cooperation in the field of taxation (doc. 16599/11 FISC 136 PTOM 48 REGIO 118).

2. On 30 July 2013, the Commission presented a proposal for a Council Decision on the signature, on behalf of the European Union (EU), of the agreement between the EU and France concerning the application to the collectivity of Saint-Barthélemy of Union legislation on the taxation of savings and administrative cooperation in the field of taxation (doc. 13310/13 FISC 156). On the same day, the Commission presented the proposal on the conclusion of this agreement (doc. 13308/13 FISC 155).
3. Following the adoption of the Decision on the signing by ECOFIN in November 2013 and publication in the Official Journal (OJ L 313, 22.11.2013, p. 1), the agreement was signed on 17 February 2014.
4. At its meeting on 16 October 2014, the Working Party agreed at its level to the draft Council Decision proposal on the conclusion of this agreement, without any amendments.
5. Therefore, the Permanent Representatives Committee could suggest that the Council:
 - adopt the abovementioned Decision, as finalised by the Legal/Linguistic Experts in doc. 14530/14 FISC 164 ECOFIN 946 PTOM 50 REGIO 113, on the conclusion of the Agreement, as an "A" item on the agenda of a forthcoming meeting;
 - inform the European Parliament about the adoption of this Decision.
