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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From: Working Party on European Free Trade Association (EFTA)
On: 21 October 2014
To: Delegations

Subject: Working Party on EFTA on 21 October 2014
- Item 3: Kingdom of Norway

3. KINGDOM OF NORWAY

- **Recommendation for a COUNCIL DECISION authorising the Commission to enter into negotiations with Norway with a view of achieving greater liberalisation of bilateral trade in agricultural products, in the framework of Article 19 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area (doc. 12672/14 RESTREINT UE/EU RESTRICTED)**

Following the breaking of a silence procedure by two delegations, the Working Party reverted to the discussion of draft directives for negotiations with Norway on further liberalisation of trade in agricultural products under Article 19 of the EEA Agreement, based on a Presidency proposal and a new proposal for paragraph 3 submitted by DK and DE. FR suggested a linguistic amendment to the first sentence of paragraph 3. Three delegations (FR, ES, PL) insisted on an involvement of the Trade Policy Committee (TPC) in the negotiating process.

Following the discussion, the Working Party agreed to submit the draft Council Decision authorising the Commission to enter into the above mentioned negotiations with Norway, as well as the text of negotiating directives, amended as suggested by DK/DE and FR, to a silence procedure until Friday, 24 October 2014, cob.

Furthermore, it was agreed that concerns expressed by a number of delegations with regard to the involvement of the TPC and the appropriateness of informing the TPC would be reflected in an Outcome of Proceedings on this agenda item.
