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Subject: Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion on behalf of the European Union and its Member States of the Additional Protocol to the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Korea, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union  
- Adoption

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1. On 31 January 2014 the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the above-mentioned Additional Protocol (doc. 6033/14) as well as a proposal for a Council Decision on the signing and provisional application of that Additional Protocol (doc. 6032/14).
2. The Council Decision on the signing and provisional application of the Additional Protocol was adopted by the Council on 14 March 2014<sup>1</sup>. At the same time and in accordance with Article 218(6)(a)(v) TFEU, the Council decided to forward the draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Additional Protocol, as finalised by legal-linguistic experts and set out in documents 6035/14 and 6037/14, to the European Parliament for its consent, with a view to preparing for the future conclusion of the Additional Protocol.

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<sup>1</sup> Published in OJ L 140, 14.5.2014, p. 1.

3. The Additional Protocol was signed with the Republic of Korea on 25 March 2014.
  4. The European Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the Additional Protocol on 22 October 2014.
  5. The Draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Additional Protocol was endorsed by the Trade Policy Committee on 30 October 2014.
  6. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to recommend that the Council adopts, as an "A" item on the agenda of one of its forthcoming meetings, the draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Additional Protocol, as finalised by legal-linguistic experts and set out in documents 6035/14 and 6037/14.
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