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Subject: (a) Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the joint fulfilment of commitments thereunder
- Agreement in principle

(b) Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Iceland, of the other part, concerning Iceland's participation in the joint fulfilment of commitments of the European Union, its Member States and Iceland for the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
- Agreement in principle

(c) Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the agreement between the European Union and its Member States of the one part, and Iceland, of the other part, concerning Iceland's participation in the joint fulfilment of commitments of the European Union, its Member States and Iceland for the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
- Adoption

1. The eighth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (Doha, 26 November - 8 December 2012) adopted at its final plenary on 8 December 2012 the Doha amendment to the Kyoto Protocol.
2. On 7 November 2013, the Council received the proposal¹ by the Commission for a Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the joint fulfilment of commitments thereunder. Its objective is the ratification by the European Union of the Doha amendment to the Kyoto Protocol, which extends its application from 2013 to 2020.
3. In parallel, on 17 December 2013, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with Iceland on an agreement between the European Union and its Member States and Iceland concerning Iceland's participation in the joint fulfilment of the commitments of the European Union, its Member States and Iceland in the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.
4. Following the finalisation of the negotiations, the Commission submitted to the Council on 23 May 2014 a proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of that agreement². On the same date, the Commission also submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the agreement³.
5. The Working Party on the Environment agreed on the text of the draft Council Decision on the signing and on the draft Council Decision on the conclusion, on the basis of Presidency compromise texts (docs. 10507/14 and 10508/14).
6. The Council (Environment) reached a political understanding on the various decisions on 17 December 2014.

¹ Doc. 15878/13 - COM(2013) 768 final + ADD 1, ADD 2 and ADD3

² Doc. 10240/14 - COM(2014) 291 final + ADD 1

³ Doc. 10237/14 - COM(2014) 290 final + ADD 1

7. The Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to suggest that the Council, at one of its upcoming meetings:

- agree in principle with the text of the amendment to the Kyoto Protocol as set out in document 10400/14 ADD 1 + COR 1, and decide to request the consent of the European Parliament on that text with a view to the later adoption of the Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the joint fulfilment of commitments thereunder, as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts;⁴
- adopt the draft Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the agreement between the European Union and its Member States of the one part, and Iceland, of the other part, concerning Iceland's participation in the joint fulfilment of commitments of the European Union, its Member States and Iceland for the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts⁵;
- note that the European Parliament will be informed of the adoption of the above-mentioned decision in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU;
- agree in principle with the text of the agreement concerning Iceland's participation in the joint fulfilment of commitments of the European Union, its Member States and Iceland for the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol, as set out in document 10941/14 + COR1, and decide to request the consent of the European Parliament on that text with a view to the later adoption of the Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Iceland, of the other part, concerning Iceland's participation in the joint fulfilment of commitments of the European Union, its Member States and Iceland for the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts⁶.

⁴ Doc. 10400/14 REV 1

⁵ Doc. 10881/14 + COR 1

⁶ Doc. 10883/14 REV 2