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From: ACP Working Party
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: Draft Council Decision on the conclusion on behalf of the European Union and its Member States of the Additional Protocol to the Trade, Development and Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of South Africa, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union
- Adoption

1. On 13 August 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, and provisional application of the Additional Protocol to the Trade, Development and Cooperation Agreement (TDCA) between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of South Africa, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union;
 - a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion on behalf of the European Union and its Member States of the Additional Protocol to the Trade, Development and Cooperation Agreement (TDCA) between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of South Africa, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

2. The ACP Working Party agreed on the draft Council Decision on the signing and provisional application of the Additional Protocol to the TDCA on 9 September 2014.
3. On 9 October 2014, the Council adopted a Decision on the signing and provisional application of the Additional Protocol to the TDCA.
4. The Additional Protocol was signed by the Republic of South Africa on 12 March 2015 and on behalf of the European Union and its Member States on 27 March 2015.
5. On 20 April 2015, the Council decided to forward the Decision on the conclusion of the Additional Protocol to the TDCA, as set out following finalisation by the Legal/Linguistic experts in document 7657/15, as well as the text of the protocol ¹, to the European Parliament for assent.
6. The European Parliament gave its assent on 20 May 2015.
7. The Permanent Representatives Committee is accordingly invited to recommend that the Council decide, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, to
 - adopt the draft Decision on the conclusion of the Additional Protocol to the Agreement, as set out in document 7657/15,
 - order publication of the aforementioned Decision in the Official Journal of the European Union.

¹ OJ L 117 of 8.5.2015, p. 3.