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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Association with the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Council Decision on the conclusion on behalf of the European Union and its Member States of the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union

1. On 18 February 2014, the Council adopted a Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, and provisional application of the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union. Furthermore, the Council decided to request the consent of the European Parliament with a view to the further conclusion of the Protocol.

2. On 4 June 2014, the Council launched a "rectificatif" to modify the text of Article 14 of the Protocol in 23 languages, in order to clarify the languages in which the Protocol would be drawn up, and to make some linguistic corrections to the provisional Irish language version of the Protocol, which was available by then. The "rectificatif" procedure was completed on 10 June 2014. On 20 June 2014, Council adopted the Irish language version of the decision and of the Protocol.
3. The Protocol was signed on 18 July 2014.
4. The European Parliament gave its consent on 8 July 2015.
5. It is therefore proposed to the Council, subject to confirmation by the Permanent Representatives Committee, to adopt the Decision on the conclusion of the above mentioned Protocol with the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. The text of the Decision, as it stands after legal and linguistic editing, is set out in 5548/14 COWEB 12.

The European Parliament will be informed of the adoption of the aforementioned Decision.
