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Subject: Draft Council Decision on the conclusion of 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
- Adoption

1. On 14 April 2010, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the above-mentioned Free Trade Agreement (doc. 8502/14 + ADD 1 to ADD 21) as well as a proposal for a Council Decision authorising the signature and provisional application of that Free Trade Agreement (8523/14 + ADD 1 to ADD 21).
2. The Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of 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 was adopted by the Council on 16 September 2010. 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 Free Trade Agreement, as finalised by legal-linguistic experts and set out in documents 8505/10 + REV 1 (mt) and 8530/10 + REV 1 (cs) + REV 2 (sv) + REV 2 COR 1 (sv) + REV 3 (sl) + REV 4 (cs) and relevant addenda, to the European Parliament for its consent, with a view to preparing for the future conclusion of the Free Trade Agreement.

3. The Free Trade Agreement was signed with the Republic of Korea on 6 October 2010.
 4. The European Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the Free Trade Agreement on 17 February 2011.
 5. On 14 September 2015, the ratification procedures of the Free Trade Agreement by Member States were finalised.
 6. The draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement was endorsed by the Trade Policy Committee (Deputies) on 25 September 2015.
 7. 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 Agreement, as finalised by legal-linguistic experts and set out in documents 8505/10 + REV 1 (mt) and 8530/10 + REV 1 (cs) + REV 2 (sv)+ REV 2 COR 1 (sv) + REV 3 (sl) + REV 4 (cs) and relevant addenda.
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