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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: Draft Council Decision establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Council for Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights and the General Council of the World Trade Organization as regards the request from least-developed country Members for an extension of the transitional period under paragraph 1 of Article 66 of the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights concerning certain obligations related to pharmaceutical products, and for a waiver of the obligations under paragraphs 8 and 9 of Article 70 of that Agreement
- Adoption

1. On 10 September 2015, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Council for TRIPS and the General Council of the World Trade Organization as regards the request from least developed country members for an extension of the transitional period under Article 66(1) of the Agreement on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights concerning certain obligations related to pharmaceutical products, and for a waiver from the obligations under Article 70(8) and (9) of that Agreement (doc. 11890/15).

2. At its meeting on 25 September 2015, the Trade Policy Committee (Deputies) endorsed the above-mentioned proposal, as amended, and subject to legal-linguistic revision.
 3. It is therefore suggested that the Permanent Representatives' Committee invite the Council to adopt the above-mentioned Decision, as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in doc. 11916/15 WTO 185 PI 57, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting.
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