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### "I/A" ITEM NOTE

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From:	Trade Policy Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	12276/15 WTO 194 USA 25 COAFR 268
Subject:	Draft Council Decision establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the General Council of the WTO on the United States' request for a WTO waiver to extend the AGOA program (AGOA). - Adoption

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1. On 22 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 General Council of the WTO on the United States' request for a WTO waiver to extend the AGOA<sup>1</sup> program (AGOA).
2. At its meeting on 2 October 2015, the Trade Policy Committee (Deputies) endorsed the above-mentioned Commission proposal.
3. Subject to confirmation by the Permanent Representatives' Committee, the Council is therefore invited to adopt the above-mentioned Decision, as finalised by the Legal Linguistic Experts and set out in doc. 12319/15 WTO 196 USA 26 COAFR 269, as an "A" item at one of its forthcoming meetings.

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<sup>1</sup> The African Growth and Opportunity Act