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From: Presidency
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: Draft COUNCIL DECISION on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the People's Republic of China pursuant to Article XXIV:6 and Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions in the schedule of the Republic of Croatia in the course of its accession to the European Union

- Adoption
- Request for the consent of the European Parliament

1. On 16 December 2015, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision authorising the signature of an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the People's Republic of China pursuant to Article XXIV:6 and Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions in the schedule of the Republic of Croatia in the course of its accession to the European Union (doc. 15411/15 + ADD 1).

2. The proposal was examined by the Trade Policy Committee (Deputies) at its meeting on 8 January 2016 and was subsequently endorsed.
 3. 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 proposed Decision on the signing of the said Agreement, as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in documents 15560/15 WTO 297 AGRI 697 UD 265 CHINE 34 and 15562/15 WTO 299 AGRI 699 UD 267 CHINE 36.
 4. Furthermore, with a view to preparing for the future conclusion of the said Agreement, the Permanent Representatives Committee is also invited to recommend that the Council decides, as an "A" item at the same meeting, to forward the draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the said Agreement, as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in documents 15561/15 WTO 298 AGRI 698 UD 266 CHINE 35 and 15562/15 WTO 299 AGRI 699 UD 267 CHINE 36, to the European Parliament for its consent.
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