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From:	Trade Policy Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Draft Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of an agreement in the form of the Declaration on the Expansion of Trade in Information Technology Products (ITA) - Request by the Council for the consent of the European Parliament

1. On 8 March 2016, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of an agreement in the form of a Declaration on the expansion of Trade in Information Technology Products (ITA)¹.
2. At its meeting on 11 March 2016, the Trade Policy Committee (Deputies) discussed and subsequently endorsed the above-mentioned Commission proposal.
3. In accordance with Article 218(6)(a)(v) TFEU, the Council should first decide on the transmission of the draft decision to the European Parliament in order to obtain its consent.

¹ Doc. 6914/16 + ADD 1

4. In the light of the above, the Permanent Representatives' Committee is therefore invited to recommend that the Council decide, as an "A" item, to forward the draft Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of an agreement in the form of the Declaration on the Expansion of Trade in Information Technology Products (ITA) and the said agreement, as finalised by the Legal Linguistic experts and set out in documents 6925/16 and 6926/16, to the European Parliament for its consent.
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