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From: Trade Policy Committee
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 Eastern Republic of Uruguay 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

and

Draft COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Eastern Republic of Uruguay 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

- Request for the consent of the European Parliament

1. On 3 March 2016, 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 Eastern Republic of Uruguay 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. 6866/16 + ADD 1).

2. The proposal was examined by the Trade Policy Committee (Deputies) at its meeting on 11 March 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 6869/16 WTO 53 AGRI 117 UD 50 COLAC 13 and 6871/16 WTO 55 AGRI 119 UD 52 COLAC 15.
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 6870/16 WTO 54 AGRI 118 UD 51 COLAC 14 and 6871/16 WTO 55 AGRI 119 UD 52 COLAC 15, to the European Parliament for its consent.
