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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council
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Subject:	COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Committee established by the Partnership Agreement on Relations and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and New Zealand, of the other part, as regards the adoption of decisions on the rules of procedure of the Joint Committee and the adoption of the terms of reference of the subcommittees and working groups - Adoption

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1. On 6 December 2017, the Commission submitted to the Council a Joint Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, in the Joint Committee established by the Partnership Agreement on Relations and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and New Zealand, of the other part, as regards the adoption of decisions on the Rules of procedure of the Joint Committee and the adoption of the terms of reference of the subcommittees and working groups.
2. Following examination of the proposal, the Asia Oceania Working Party agreed on the draft Council Decision on 16 January 2018.

3. The Representatives of the Governments of the Member States are invited to confirm their agreement to be bound by the Rules of Procedure of the Joint Committee for the period following the entry into force of the Partnership Agreement on Relations and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and New Zealand, of the other part.
4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is accordingly invited to recommend that the Council at one of its upcoming meetings:
  - adopts as an 'A' item the Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Committee established by the Partnership Agreement on Relations and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and New Zealand, of the other part, as regards the adoption of decisions on the rules of procedure of the Joint Committee and the adoption of the terms of reference of the subcommittees and working groups as set out after finalisation by the Legal/Linguistic experts in document 5516/18.

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