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#### 'I/A' ITEM NOTE

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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
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 Union and the People's Republic of China in connection with the WTO dispute settlement proceedings DS492 Measures affecting Tariff Concessions on Certain Poultry Meat Products  
- Adoption  
and  
Draft Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the Union and the People's Republic of China in connection with the WTO dispute settlement proceedings DS492 Measures affecting Tariff Concessions on Certain Poultry Meat Products  
- Request for the consent of the European Parliament

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1. On 5 July 2018, the Commission submitted to the Council:
  - a) a proposal for a Council Decision on the signature, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the Union and the People's Republic of China in connection with the WTO dispute settlement proceedings DS 492 Measures affecting Tariff Concessions on Certain Poultry Meat Products (doc. 10878/18 + ADD 1); and

- b) a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the Union and the People's Republic of China in connection with the WTO dispute settlement proceedings DS 492 Measures affecting Tariff Concessions on Certain Poultry Meat Products (doc. 10879/18 + ADD 1).
2. The proposals were examined by the Trade Policy Committee (Deputies) at its meeting on 6 July 2018, and subsequently endorsed.
3. In light of the above, the Permanent Representatives' Committee is invited to recommend to the Council to:
- adopt, as an "A" item on the agenda of one of its forthcoming meetings, the Decision on the signing of the said Agreement, as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in documents 10881/18 WTO 186 AGRI 344 UD 160 COASI 184 and 10883/18 WTO 188 AGRI 346 UD 162 COASI 186;
  - note that the European Parliament will be informed in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU and that the Council Decision on the signing will be transmitted to the European Parliament; and
  - decide, as an "A" item on the agenda of one of its forthcoming meetings, to forward the draft Decision on the conclusion of the said Agreement, as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in documents 10882/18 WTO 187 AGRI 345 UD 161 COASI 185 and 10883/18 WTO 188 AGRI 346 UD 162 COASI 186, to the European Parliament for its consent.
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