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**From:** General Secretariat of the Council  
**To:** Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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**Subject:** Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Singapore  
– Adoption  
Draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Singapore  
– Request for the consent of the European Parliament

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1. On 18 April 2018, the Commission submitted to the Council:
  - a) a proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Singapore (doc. 7966/18 + ADD 1-13); and
  - b) a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Singapore (doc. 7967/18 + ADD 1-13).
2. The proposals were examined by the Trade Policy Committee at its meetings on 20 April, 27 April, 8 May and 18 May 2018, and subsequently endorsed, as modified, to take into account a number of necessary adjustments.

3. Subject to confirmation by the Permanent Representatives' Committee, the Council is accordingly invited to:

- adopt the Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Singapore, as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in documents 7970/18 WTO 74 SERVICES 23 COASI 91 and 7972/18 WTO 76 SERVICES 25 COASI 93 + ADD 1 - 5;
- 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;
- decide to forward the draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Singapore, as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in documents 7971/18 WTO 75 SERVICES 24 COASI 92 and 7972/18 WTO 76 SERVICES 25 COASI 93 + ADD 1 - 5, to the European Parliament for its consent.

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