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From: ACP Working Party

To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Trade and Development Committee established under the Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the SADC EPA States, of the other part, as regards the establishment of a list of arbitrators
- Adoption

1. On 5 November 2018, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the Trade and Development Committee established under the Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the SADC EPA States, of the other part as regards the adoption of the Roster of Arbitrators.
2. The ACP Working Party discussed the abovementioned proposal for a Council Decision and agreed on the text of the draft Council Decision on 13 December 2018.

3. The Permanent Representatives Committee is accordingly invited to recommend that the Council:
- adopt, as an “A” item, the text set out in document 15619/18, after finalisation by the legal/linguistic experts, which will serve as a basis for negotiations in the Trade and Development Committee established under the Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the SADC EPA States, of the other part;
 - inform the European Parliament of the adoption of the Council Decision.
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