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

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Subject: Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the People's Republic of China in connection with DS492 European Union - Measures affecting Tariff Concessions on Certain Poultry Meat Products
- Adoption

1. On 5 July 2018, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the signing¹, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the People's Republic of China in connection with DS492 European Union - Measures affecting Tariff Concessions on Certain Poultry Meat Products, as well as a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion² of that Agreement.

¹ Doc. 10878/18 WTO 183 AGRI 341 UD 157 COASI 181 + ADD 1.

² Doc. 10879/18 WTO 184 AGRI 342 UD 158 COASI 182 + ADD 1.

2. On 18 September 2018, the Council adopted the Decision on the signing³ of the Agreement. At the same time and in accordance with Article 218(6)(a)(v) TFEU, the Council decided to forward the draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in document 10882/18 WTO 187 AGRI 345 UD 161 COASI 185 + COR 1 (it), together with the Agreement itself⁴, to the European Parliament for its consent, with a view to preparing for the future conclusion of the Agreement.
3. The Agreement with China was signed on 30 November 2018.
4. On 16 January 2019, the European Parliament provided its consent to the conclusion of the Agreement.
5. On 18 January 2019, the Trade Policy Committee (Deputies) endorsed the draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement.
6. In light of the above, and subject to confirmation by the Permanent Representatives' Committee, the Council is invited to:
 - adopt, as an "A" item on the agenda of one of its forthcoming meetings, the Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in document 10882/18 WTO 187 AGRI 345 UD 161 COASI 185 + COR 1 (it);
 - note that the European Parliament will be informed in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU, and that the Council Decision will be transmitted to the European Parliament.

³ Doc. 10881/18 WTO 186 AGRI 344 UD 160 COASI 184 (published in OJ L 237, 20.9.2018, p. 2).

⁴ Doc. 10883/18 WTO 188 AGRI 346 UD 162 COASI 186.