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From:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)
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Subject:	Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the accession of the European Union to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications - Request for the consent of the European Parliament

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1. On 27 July 2018, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the Union's accession to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications<sup>1</sup> and a proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the action of the Union following its accession to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on the Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications<sup>2</sup>.
2. Whereas the proposed Regulation has to be adopted according to the Ordinary Legislative Procedure, the proposed Council Decision requires for its adoption the consent of the European Parliament.

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<sup>1</sup> 11510/18 + ADD 1

<sup>2</sup> 11515/18 + COR1

3. In terms of substance, both acts form part of a single package, with the proposed Council Decision providing the legal act allowing for the Union's accession to the Geneva Act, while the Regulation sets out the rules governing the action of the Union following its accession to the Geneva Act.
4. On 6 March 2018, the Permanent Representatives' Committee approved the compromise text of the draft Council Decision as set out in 6878/19, and agreed to recommend to the Council to request the consent of the European Parliament on the basis of this text after review by the Council lawyer/linguistic experts as set out in 6929/19.

## CONCLUSION

5. Council is accordingly invited to decide, as an **A-item** at one of its upcoming meetings, to
  - request the consent of the European Parliament on the basis of the draft Council Decision on the Union's accession to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications as set out in document 6929/19.