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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council

Subject: Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Committee established under the Agreement between the European Union and Japan for an Economic Partnership, as regards the adoption of the Rules of Procedure of the Joint Committee, the Rules of Procedure of a Panel, the Code of Conduct for Arbitrators and the Mediation Procedure
- Adoption

1. On 15 March 2019, the Commission submitted to the Council the above mentioned proposal (doc. 7565/19 + ADD 1).
2. The proposal was endorsed by the Trade Policy Committee (Deputies) at its meeting on 29 March 2019, as modified on the basis of a Presidency compromise proposal to take into account a number of necessary adjustments.

3. In the light of the above, and subject to confirmation by the Permanent Representatives' Committee, the Council is invited to:

- adopt the Council Decision as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in document 7605/19;
- decide to order the publication in the Official Journal of the European Union of the Decision of the Joint Committee under the Agreement between the EU and Japan for an Economic Partnership, as set out in document 7605/19 ADD 1, once adopted;
- note that the European Parliament will be informed in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU, and that the Decision will be transmitted to the Parliament.
