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'I/A' ITEM NOTE

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

Subject: Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Investment Protection Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, of the other part
- Adoption
Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Investment Protection Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, of the other part
- Request for the consent of the European Parliament

1. On 19 October 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 Investment Protection Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, of the other part (doc. 13314/18 + ADD 1 + ADD 2); and
 - b) a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Investment Protection Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, of the other part (doc. 13315/18 + ADD 1 + ADD 2).

2. The above-mentioned proposals were examined by the Trade Policy Committee (Services and Investment) at its meetings on 5 November 2018, and 7 and 19 December 2018. They were subsequently endorsed, as modified to take into account a number of necessary adjustments, by the Trade Policy Committee (Full Members) at its meeting on 20 March 2019.
3. In light of the above, and subject to confirmation by the Permanent Representatives' Committee, the Council is invited to:
 - adopt the Decision on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Investment Protection Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, of the other part, as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in documents 5930/19 and 5932/19 + ADD 1;
 - 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 Investment Protection Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, of the other part, as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in documents 5931/19 and 5932/19 + ADD 1, to the European Parliament for its consent;
 - decide to enter in its minutes the statements contained in addendum to this note.