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From: ACP Working Party
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: Council Decision on the accession of Solomon Islands to the Interim Partnership Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Pacific States, of the other part
- Adoption

1. On 29 April 2019, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the accession of Solomon Islands to the Interim Partnership Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Pacific States, of the other part and, as an annex, the market access offer presented by Solomon Islands (8916/19 + ADD 1-2).
2. On 14 May 2019, the ACP Working Party examined the above-mentioned proposal and agreed to the text of the draft Council Decision.
3. On 14 June 2019, the Council requested the consent of the European Parliament to the accession of Solomon Islands to the Agreement.
4. The European Parliament gave its consent on 17 December 2019.

5. The ACP Working Party confirmed its agreement on the text of the draft Council Decision at its meeting on 24 January 2020.
 6. The Permanent Representatives Committee is accordingly invited to recommend that the Council at one of its upcoming meetings:
 - adopt, as an “A” item, the Council Decision on the accession of Solomon Islands to the Interim Partnership Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Pacific States, of the other part, as set out after finalisation by the Legal/Linguistic experts in document 9405/19 + ADD 1;
 - inform the European Parliament of the adoption of the Council Decision;
 - order its publication in the Official Journal.
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