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Subject:	END OF WRITTEN PROCEDURE Council Decision on the conclusion of the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam - Adoption

Delegations are informed that the written procedure, opened by CM 1904/20 of 25 March 2020 was completed on 30 March 2020 and that all delegations voted in favour of the adoption of the Council Decision on the conclusion of the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, as set out in doc. 6050/19 + 6050/1/19 REV 1 (ga).

Therefore, the above Decision of the Council is adopted.

The statement by Belgium, Spain and the Netherlands as well as the statement by the Netherlands are reproduced in the Annex to this CM.

The above statements will be included in the summary of acts adopted by the written procedure as statements to be entered in the Council minutes, in accordance with the third subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.

The European Parliament will be informed, in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU, and the Decision will be transmitted to the Parliament.

**Declaration by the Kingdom of Belgium, the Kingdom of Spain
and the Kingdom of the Netherlands regarding the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union,
of the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam**

Belgium, Spain and The Netherlands welcome the conclusion of the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and would like to reiterate the importance of the Trade and Sustainable Development chapter of the Agreement, including commitments on the fundamental principles and Conventions of the International Labour Organization (ILO). It is indeed essential that trade agreements effectively contribute to sustainable development, uphold global standards and ensure a level playing field.

In this regard, Belgium, Spain and The Netherlands welcome the ratification by Viet Nam of ILO Convention 98 on collective bargaining, that will finally enter into force on 05 July 2020, as well as the approval of the new labour code. Belgium, Spain and The Netherlands will continue to monitor the implementation of the Trade and Development Chapter of the Agreement. Belgium, Spain and The Netherlands trust that Viet Nam will sustain its commitment to ratify the remaining fundamental ILO conventions 87 and 105 and ensure their effective implementation.

Declaration by the Kingdom of the Netherlands regarding the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

In addition to the declaration contained in document 6449/20 ADD 1, the Netherlands once again reiterates the importance of the Trade and Sustainable Development chapter of the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, including commitments on the fundamental principles and Conventions of the International Labour Organization (ILO). The Netherlands trusts that Viet Nam will sustain its commitment to ratify and implement the two remaining fundamental ILO conventions 87 and 105 according to schedule. In case Viet Nam does not undertake sufficient action to comply with this commitment, the Netherlands calls upon the Commission to investigate all options necessary to address this, including dispute settlement.
