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From:	ACP Working Party
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Council Decision establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the EPA Committee set up by the stepping stone Economic Partnership Agreement between Côte d'Ivoire, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part, in connection with the adoption of the procedure for the settlement of disputes and the code of conduct for arbitrators - Adoption

1. On 12 May 2020, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for the above Decision[1].

2. The ACP Working Party discussed the abovementioned proposal and agreed on the text of the draft Council Decision on 10 September 2020.

[1] ST 7984/20 + ADD 1.

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3. The Permanent Representatives Committee is accordingly invited to recommend that the Council at one of its upcoming meetings:

– adopt the draft Council Decision establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the EPA Committee set up by the stepping stone Economic Partnership Agreement between Côte d'Ivoire, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part, in connection with the adoption of the procedure for the settlement of disputes and the code of conduct for arbitrators, as set out in documents 10611/20 and 10612/20, after finalisation by the legal/linguistic experts;

– order the publication of the Council Decision in the Official Journal;

– order that the decision of the EPA Committee, once adopted, be published in the Official Journal;

– inform the European Parliament of the adoption of the Council Decision.

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