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From: ACP Working Party

To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the Trade Committee established under the Interim Partnership Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Pacific States, of the other part, as regards the amendment of certain provisions of Protocol II concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation
- Adoption

1. On 7 July 2020, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the Trade Committee established under the Interim Partnership Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Pacific States, of the other part, as regards the amendment of certain provisions of Protocol II concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation.
2. The ACP Working Party discussed the abovementioned proposal and agreed on the text of the draft Council Decision on 17 September 2020.

3. The Permanent Representatives Committee is accordingly invited to recommend that the Council at one of its upcoming meetings:
- adopt the Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the Trade Committee established under the Interim Partnership Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Pacific States, of the other part, as regards the amendment of certain provisions of Protocol II concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation, as set out in documents 10898/20 and 10899/20, after finalisation by the legal/linguistic experts;
 - order the publication of the Council Decision in the Official Journal;
 - order that the decision of the IPA Trade Committee, once adopted, be published in the Official Journal;
 - inform the European Parliament of the adoption of the Council Decision.
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