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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council
Subject:	Declaration marking the 20th anniversary of the Aid-for-Trade Initiative and 10th Global Review of Aid for Trade - Approval of a non-binding instrument

1. The Aid-for-Trade Initiative was launched at the Sixth WTO Ministerial Conference in Hong Kong in 2005. It has encouraged the provision of trade-related technical assistance and capacity building to help developing and least developed economies enhance their use of trade as an instrument for economic growth and greater integration into the multilateral trading system.

2. The 20th Anniversary of the WTO Aid-for-Trade Initiative presents an opportunity to increase focus on forms of trade and development cooperation underpinned by partnerships and to better reflect this reality by repositioning the initiative as “Aid for Trade: Partnerships for Trade and Development”.

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3. On 28 October 2026, the Commission circulated to delegations a Communication from Australia and Barbados, containing a draft Declaration marking the 20th anniversary of the Aid-for-Trade Initiative and the 10th Global Review of Aid for Trade, as featured in document ST 15107/26. The Declaration will be put forward for adoption at the 10th Global Review of Aid for Trade on 30 October 2026, and the EU is invited to join consensus.

4. In the absence of scheduled meetings of the Trade Policy Committee (Deputies), the Presidency launched, on 28 October 2026, an informal silence consultation on the draft Declaration. No delegation objected to this draft text by the deadline set.

5. In the light of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to:

– confirm its agreement on the text of the draft Declaration marking the 20th anniversary of the Aid-for-Trade Initiative and 10th Global Review of Aid for Trade, as featured in document ST 15107/26/26; and

– recommend that the Council approves, as an "A" item on the agenda of one of its forthcoming meetings, the text of the draft Declaration, as featured in document ST 15107/26, subject to possible minor adjustments provided that those adjustments do not affect the substance and the intent of the text.

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