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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Council Decision authorising participation in the negotiations for an international agreement to replace the International Tropical Timber Agreement - Adoption

1. On 11 September 2026, the Commission submitted to the Council a Recommendation for a Council Decision authorising participation in the negotiations for an international agreement or other instrument to replace the International Tropical Timber Agreement[1].

2. The Working Party on Commodities (PROBA) examined the draft Council Decision at its meetings on 25 September, 19 October and 21 October 2026.

[1] ST 13076/26 + ADD 1.

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3. On 21 October 2026, PROBA reached agreement on the draft Council Decision authorising the participation in the negotiations, on behalf of the European Union, as regards matters falling within the Union's competence pursuant to Articles 207(4), first subparagraph, TFEU and for matters falling within the Union's shared competence pursuant to 192(1) TFEU and in respect of which the Union has adopted common rules, for an international agreement to replace the International Tropical Timber Agreement. At the same meeting, PROBA also reached agreement on the negotiating directives.

4. In accordance with Article 218(4) TFEU, PROBA agreed that it will act as the Special Committee in consultation with which the Commission must conduct the negotiations. The Commission shall report regularly to that special committee on the progress of the negotiations in full respect of the principle of sincere cooperation.

5. In so far as the negotiations cover matters for which the Union shares competence with the Member States but in respect of which the Union has not laid down common rules, Member States agree that the Commission negotiates on their behalf.

6. The Permanent Representatives Committee is accordingly invited to recommend the Council:

   – to adopt the draft Council Decision authorising participation in the negotiations for an international agreement to replace the International Tropical Timber Agreement as set out in document ST 14737/26 following legal-linguistic revision, and the accompanying negotiating directives set out in document ST 14737/26 ADD 1.

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

8. The Council Decision will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*[2].

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[2] In accordance with Article 17(2)(b) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.

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