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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
No. Cion doc.:	ST 7573/25 + ADD 1 - COM(2025) 156 final
Subject:	COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the EPA Council and in the Committee of Senior Officials established by the Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and the Republic of Kenya, Member of the East African Community, of the other part, as regards the adoption of the Rules of Procedure for the EPA Council, of the Rules of Procedure for Dispute Settlement and the Code of Conduct for Arbitrators and Mediators, and of the Rules of Procedure for the Committee of Senior Officials - Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption

1. On 28 March 2025, 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 EPA Council and in the Committee of Senior Officials established by the Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and the Republic of Kenya, Member of the East African Community, of the other part, as regards the adoption of the Rules of Procedure for the EPA Council, of the Rules of Procedure for Dispute Settlement and the Code of Conduct for Arbitrators and Mediators, and of the Rules of Procedure for the Committee of Senior Officials.
2. The ACP Working Party examined the Commission proposal and agreed on the text of the draft Council Decision on 4 April 2025.

3. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is accordingly invited:
- to confirm its agreement on the text of the Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the EPA Council and in the Committee of Senior Officials established by the Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and the Republic of Kenya, Member of the East African Community, of the other part, as regards the adoption of the Rules of Procedure for the EPA Council, of the Rules of Procedure for Dispute Settlement and the Code of Conduct for Arbitrators and Mediators, and of the Rules of Procedure for the Committee of Senior Officials, as set out, after legal-linguistic finalisation, in document ST 7852/25 + ADD 1, and
 - to decide, in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure and Article 1 of Council Decision 2020/430, that the Council uses the written procedure for its adoption.
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