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| From:    | General Secretariat of the Council                                                                                                                            |
| To:      | Permanent Representatives Committee/Council                                                                                                                   |
| Subject: | Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations with the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire for a sustainable investment facilitation agreement<br>- Adoption |

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1. On 6 May 2025, the Commission submitted to the Council a Recommendation for a Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations of a Sustainable Investment Facilitation Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire<sup>1</sup>.
2. The ACP Working Party examined the text and reached agreement at Working Party level on the draft Council Decision and the negotiating directives on 23 May 2025.
3. Following the principles set out in a statement to the minutes of the Council of 10 March 2015<sup>2</sup>, the decision to make the negotiating directives public would, in this instance, have no impact on the ability of the EU to negotiate effectively and would not undermine the EU's negotiating position in these specific negotiations. Consequently, the ACP Working Party proposed to make public the negotiating directives, as contained in document 9416/25 ADD 1.

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<sup>1</sup> 8617/25 - COM(2025) 192 final.

<sup>2</sup> 7060/1/15 REV 1.

4. Subject to confirmation by Coreper, the Council is invited:
- to adopt the draft Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations with the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire for a sustainable investment facilitation agreement, as set out in document 9416/25 following legal-linguistic revision<sup>3</sup>, and the accompanying negotiating directives set out in document 9416/25 ADD 1;
  - to order the publication of the Council Decision in the *Official Journal of the European Union*;
  - to make the negotiating directives public after their adoption.
5. The European Parliament will be informed in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU and the Decision and the negotiating directives will be transmitted to the European Parliament.
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<sup>3</sup> The Council Decision will be published in the Official Journal in accordance with Article 17(2)(b) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.