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| From:           | General Secretariat of the Council                                                                                                 |
| To:             | Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council                                                                               |
| No. prev. doc.: | 10403/15                                                                                                                           |
| No. Cion doc.:  | COM(2015) 312 final                                                                                                                |
| Subject:        | EU - Republic of Korea: Protocol to the Framework Agreement on<br>Partnership and Cooperation - Accession of Croatia<br>- Adoption |

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1. On 26 June 2015, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, and provisional application of a Protocol to the Framework Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, on the one hand, and the Republic of Korea, of the other hand, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union, as well as the text of the draft Protocol to the Framework Agreement as set out in docs. 10404/15 + ADD1. At the same date, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol (doc. 10403/15 + ADD1).

2. In accordance with the second subparagraph of Article 6(2) of the Act of Accession of the Republic of Croatia, the accession of the Republic of Croatia to agreements signed or concluded by the European Union and its Member States is to be agreed by means of a Protocol to those agreements.
3. On 21 April 2016, the Council adopted the Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, and provisional application of a Protocol to the Framework Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, on the one hand, and the Republic of Korea, of the other hand, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union<sup>1</sup>, and decided to request the consent of the European Parliament, on the basis of the draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol as set out after finalisation by the Legal/Linguistic experts in document 7817/16 + COR 1 (en).
4. The Protocol was signed on 21 June 2017 in Brussels.
5. Consent by the European Parliament was given on 3 May 2018.
6. The Asia-Oceania Working Party reached agreement on the draft Council Decision in question on 29 June 2018.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 161, 26.6.2018, p. 1

7. The Permanent Representatives Committee is accordingly invited to recommend that the Council at one of its upcoming meetings:
- a) adopts as an 'A' item the Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of a Protocol to the Framework Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, on the one part, and the Republic of Korea, on the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union, as contained in J/L document 7817/16 + COR1 (en), together with the Protocol to the Framework Agreement as contained in J/L document 7730/16.
8. It is recalled that the Protocol shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the date on which all the Contracting Parties have notified each other of the completion of the procedures necessary for this purpose.
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