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| From: | ACP Working Party |
| To: | Permanent Representatives Committee/Council |
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| Subject: | COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the EPA Committee established under the stepping stone Economic Partnership Agreement between the Côte d'Ivoire, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part, as regards the adoption of Protocol 1 concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation - Adoption |

1. On 25 March 2019, 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 Committee established under the stepping stone Economic Partnership Agreement between the Côte d'Ivoire, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part, as regards the adoption of Protocol 1 concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation.
2. The ACP Working Party discussed the abovementioned proposal for a Council Decision and agreed on the text of the draft Council Decision on 2 April 2019.

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

- adopt, as an “A” item, the text set out in document 8776/19, after finalisation by the legal/linguistic experts;
 - inform the European Parliament of the adoption of the Council Decision.
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