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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 Trade Committee established under the Interim Partnership Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Pacific States, of the other part, as regards the amendment to be made to the Agreement to take account of the accession of the Independent State of Samoa and of Solomon Islands - Adoption

1. On 1 July 2020, 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 Trade Committee established under the Interim Partnership Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Pacific States, of the other part, as regards the amendment to be made to the Agreement to take account of the accession of the Independent State of Samoa.
2. The ACP Working Party discussed the abovementioned proposal and agreed on the text of the draft Council Decision on 8 October 2020, with the necessary modifications to take into account the recent accession of Solomon Islands.

3. The Permanent Representatives Committee is accordingly invited to recommend that the Council at one of its upcoming meetings:
- adopt the Council Decision on the position to be taken, on behalf of the European Union, in the Trade Committee established under the Interim Partnership Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Pacific States, of the other part, as regards the amendment to be made to the Agreement to take account of the accession of the Independent State of Samoa and of Solomon Islands, as set out in documents 11629/20 and 11630/20, after finalisation by the legal/linguistic experts;
 - order the publication of the Council Decision in the Official Journal;
 - order that the decision of the IPA Trade Committee, once adopted, be published in the Official Journal;
 - inform the European Parliament of the adoption of the Council Decision.
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