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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	<p>COUNCIL DECISION on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Co-operative Republic of Guyana on forest law enforcement, governance and trade</p> <p>- <i>Adoption</i></p> <p>COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Co-operative Republic of Guyana on forest law enforcement, governance and trade</p> <p>- <i>Agreement in principle</i></p> <p>- <i>Request for the consent of the European Parliament</i></p>

1. On 10 May 2022, the Commission submitted to the Council its proposals for a Council Decision mentioned above¹.
2. On 2 June 2022, the Working Party on Forestry reached an agreement on the two proposals.

¹ 8982/22 + ADD1 and 8985/22+ ADD1.

3. In the light of the above, the Permanent Representatives' Committee, is invited to confirm the agreement reached at the level of the Working Party and to invite the Council at one of its forthcoming sessions:
- to adopt the Decision on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Co-operative Republic of Guyana on forest law enforcement, governance and trade, as finalised by the legal linguistic experts and set out in document 9086/22. The European Parliament will be informed in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU;
 - to agree in principle on the draft Decision on the conclusion of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Co-operative Republic of Guyana on forest law enforcement, governance and trade, as finalised by the legal linguistic experts and set out in document 9272/22, as well as the text of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement, as finalised by the legal linguistic experts and set out in document 9271/22;
 - to decide to transmit to the European Parliament for its consent documents 9272/22 and 9271/22, as mentioned above.