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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	COUNCIL DECISION on the accession of Vanuatu to the Interim Partnership Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Pacific States, of the other part - Adoption

1. On 14 March 2025, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the accession of Vanuatu to the Interim Partnership Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Pacific States, of the other part and, as an annex, the market access offer presented by Vanuatu (ST 7143/25 + ADD 1).
2. On 3 April 2025, the ACP Working Party examined the above-mentioned proposal and agreed to the text of the draft Council Decision.
3. On 12 May 2025, the Council decided to request the consent of the European Parliament to the accession of Vanuatu to the Agreement.
4. The European Parliament gave its consent on 10 September 2025.

5. The ACP Working Party confirmed its agreement on the text of the draft Council Decision at its meeting on 30 September 2025.
 6. The Permanent Representatives Committee is accordingly invited to recommend that the Council at one of its upcoming meetings:
 - adopt, as an “A” item, the Council Decision on the accession of Vanuatu to the Interim Partnership Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Pacific States, of the other part, as set out after finalisation by the legal-linguistic experts in document 7847/25 + ADD 1;
 - inform the European Parliament of the adoption of the Council Decision;
 - order its publication in the Official Journal.
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