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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, in the Joint Committee established by the Framework Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Australia, of the other part, as regards the adoption of decisions of the Joint Committee on the Rules of procedure of the Joint Committee and the adoption of the terms of reference of the subcommittees and working groups
- Adoption

1. On 13 August 2018, the Commission and the High Representative submitted to the Council a Joint Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, in the Joint Committee established by the Framework Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Australia, of the other part, as regards the adoption of decisions of the Joint Committee on the Rules of procedure of the Joint Committee and the adoption of the terms of reference of the subcommittees and working groups (11635/18 + ADD 1).

2. Following examination of the proposal, the Asia Oceania Working Party agreed on the draft Council Decision on 21 September 2018.
3. The Permanent Representatives Committee is accordingly invited to recommend that the Council at one of its upcoming meetings:
 - adopts as an 'A' item the Council Decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, in the Joint Committee established by the Framework Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Australia, of the other part, as regards the adoption of decisions of the Joint Committee on the Rules of procedure of the Joint Committee and the adoption of the terms of reference of the subcommittees and working groups, as set out after finalisation by the Legal/Linguistic experts in document 12606/18.
