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**'I/A' ITEM NOTE**

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 within the CARIFORUM-EU Trade and Development Committee of the Economic Partnership Agreement between the CARIFORUM States, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part, as regards the establishment of a Special Committee on Services - Adoption

1. On 8 May 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 within the CARIFORUM-EU Trade and Development Committee of the Economic Partnership Agreement between the CARIFORUM States, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part, with regard to the establishment of a Special Committee on Services.
2. On 24 November 2020, the ACP Working Party agreed at its level on the proposal with amendments. Regarding Article 2(b) of the draft Joint Decision establishing a Special Committee on Services, in particular, Commission confirmed the joint understanding reached with CARIFORUM Members that Protocol III on Cultural Cooperation should be discussed as a whole in the Trade and Development Committee only.

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 within the CARIFORUM-EU Trade and Development Committee of the Economic Partnership Agreement between the CARIFORUM States, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part, as regards the establishment of a Special Committee on Services, as set out in documents 13284/20 and 13287/20, after finalisation by the legal/linguistic experts;
  - order the publication of the Council Decision in the Official Journal;
  - order that the decision of the CARIFORUM-EU Trade and Development Committee, once adopted, be published in the Official Journal;
  - inform the European Parliament of the adoption of the Council Decision.
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