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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	14319/22 + ADD 1 - COM(2022) 566 final
Subject:	Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the EPA Committee established under the Interim Agreement in view of an Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Central Africa Party, of the other part as regards the establishment of the EPA Subcommittee on Agriculture and Rural Development - Adoption

1. On 31 October 2022, 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 EPA Committee established under the Interim Agreement in view of an Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Central Africa Party, of the other part as regards the establishment of the EPA Subcommittee on Agriculture and Rural Development.
2. The ACP Working Party discussed the abovementioned proposal and reached agreement on the text of the draft Council Decision at its level on 25 November 2022.

3. The Permanent Representatives Committee is accordingly invited to recommend that the Council at one of its upcoming meetings:

- adopt the draft Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the EPA Committee established under the Interim Agreement in view of an Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Central Africa Party, of the other part as regards the establishment of the EPA Subcommittee on Agriculture and Rural Development, as set out in documents ST 15332/22 + ADD 1, after finalisation by the legal/linguistic experts;
 - order the publication of the Council Decision in the Official Journal;
 - order that the decision of the EPA Committee, once adopted, be published in the Official Journal;
 - inform the European Parliament of the adoption of the Council Decision.
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