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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2017/... on the conclusion on behalf of the European Union of the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons who are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled
- Adoption

1. In accordance with Council Decision 2014/221/EU¹, the Marrakesh Treaty was signed on behalf of the Union on 30 April 2014, subject to its conclusion.
2. On 21 October 2014, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons who are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled².
3. On 23 October 2017, the Council decided to forward the draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Treaty as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in document 12629/17, together with the Treaty itself³, to the European Parliament for its consent, with a view to preparing the future conclusion of the Treaty.

¹ OJ L 115, 17.4.2014, p. 1

² Doc. 14617/14.

³ Doc 5905/2015

4. On 18 January 2018, the European Parliament provided its consent to the conclusion of the Treaty.

5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to recommend that the Council adopts, as an "A" item on the agenda of one of its forthcoming meetings, the draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Treaty as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in doc. 12629/17.
