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**'I/A' ITEM NOTE**

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	16987/23 + ADD 1
Subject:	Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Partnership Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Members of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States, of the other part - Request for the consent of the European Parliament

1. On 20 July 2023, the Council adopted its Decision 2023/2861 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the Partnership Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Members of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States, of the other part ('the Agreement').
2. On 15 November 2023, the Agreement was signed in Apia, Samoa by the European Union and its Member States.
3. On 19 December 2023, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Partnership Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Members of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States, of the other part (ST 16987/23 + ADD 1).

4. The ACP Working party examined the above-mentioned proposal at its meetings on 9 and 16 January 2024, and endorsed it, with an amendment to take into account a number of necessary adjustments, on 23 January 2024.
  5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is accordingly invited to recommend that the Council at one of its upcoming meetings:
    - confirm the agreement in principle on the text of the Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Partnership Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Members of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States, of the other part, as set out after finalisation by the legal-linguistic experts in document ST 5789/24, and decide to forward the draft Decision on the conclusion to the European Parliament for its consent.
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