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**'I/A' ITEM NOTE**

From:	ACP Working Party
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. prev. doc.:	5590/20
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Subject:	Council Decision on the accession of Solomon Islands to the Interim Partnership Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Pacific States, of the other part - Adoption of the Irish language version

1. On 29 April 2019, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the accession of Solomon Islands to the Interim Partnership Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Pacific States, of the other part and, as an annex, the market access offer presented by Solomon Islands (8916/19 + ADD 1-2).
2. On 14 May 2019, the ACP Working Party examined the above-mentioned proposal and agreed to the text of the draft Council Decision.
3. On 14 June 2019, the Council requested the consent of the European Parliament to the accession of Solomon Islands to the Agreement.
4. The European Parliament gave its consent on 17 December 2019.

5. On 12 February 2020, the Council adopted the draft Council Decision in all official languages, except Irish.
6. Council Regulation (EC) No 920/2005 of 13 June 2005<sup>1</sup> provides for a derogation as regards the obligation to draft all acts in Irish and to publish them in that language in the *Official Journal of the European Union*. In accordance with Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2015/2264 of 3 December 2015<sup>2</sup>, that derogation shall cease to apply as from 1 January 2020 for Decisions adopted by the Council which do not specify to whom they are addressed.
7. The Permanent Representatives Committee is accordingly invited to recommend that the Council at one of its upcoming meetings:
  - adopt, as an “A” item, the Irish language version of the Council Decision on the accession of Solomon Islands to the Interim Partnership Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Pacific States, of the other part, as set out after finalisation by the Legal/Linguistic experts in document 9405/19 REV 1 (ga);
  - inform the European Parliament of the adoption of the Irish language version of the Council Decision;
  - order the publication of the Irish language version of the Council Decision in the Official Journal.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 156, 18.6.2005, p. 3.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 322, 8.12.2015, p. 1.