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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	14018/1/18 REV 1 + 14018/18 ADD 1-17
Subject:	Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the relevant agreements under Article XXI GATS with Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, the Separate customs territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu (Chinese Taipei), Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Hong Kong China, India, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, the Philippines, Switzerland, and the United States, on the necessary compensatory adjustments resulting from the accession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia, the Slovak Republic, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden to the European Union - Adoption

1. On 13 November 2018, the Commission submitted to the Council the above-mentioned proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of agreements under Article XXI GATS¹.

¹ 14018/1/18 REV 1 + 14018/18 ADD 1-17

2. On 17 December 2018, in accordance with Article 218(6)(a)(v) TFEU, the Council decided to forward the above-mentioned draft Council Decision, as finalised by the legal linguistic experts and set out in document 14020/18 + COR 1 (hu), as well as the text of the set of 17 agreements set out in documents 14020/18 ADD 1-17 + ADD 1 COR 1 (pl); ADD 1 COR 2 (ro); ADD 2 COR 1 (pl); ADD 2 COR 2 (ro); ADD 3 COR 1 (pl); ADD 9 COR 1 (pl); ADD 9 COR 2 (ro); ADD 9 REV 1 (pl); ADD 10 COR 1 (ro); ADD 11 COR 1 (ro); ADD 12 COR 1 (ro); ADD 14 COR 1 (ro); ADD 15 COR 1 (ro), to the European Parliament for its consent.
3. The European Parliament provided its consent to the conclusion of the set of 17 agreements on 13 February 2019.
4. The draft Council Decision on conclusion, as well as the set of 17 agreements, were subsequently endorsed by the Trade Policy Committee (Services & Investment) on 20 February 2019.
5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to recommend that the Council adopt, as an "A" item on the agenda of one of its forthcoming meetings, the draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the relevant Agreements under Article XXI of the General Agreement on Trade in Services with Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, the Separate customs territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu (Chinese Taipei), Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Hong Kong China, India, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, the Philippines, Switzerland and the United States, on the necessary compensatory adjustments resulting from the accession of Czechia, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Austria, Poland, Slovenia, Slovakia, Finland and Sweden to the European Union, as finalised by the legal linguistic experts and set out in document 14020/18 + COR 1 (hu), as well as the text of the set of 17 agreements set out in documents 14020/18 ADD 1-17 + ADD 1 COR 1 (pl); ADD 1 COR 2 (ro); ADD 2 COR 1 (pl); ADD 2 COR 2 (ro); ADD 3 COR 1 (pl); ADD 9 COR 1 (pl); ADD 9 COR 2 (ro); ADD 9 REV 1 (pl); ADD 10 COR 1 (ro); ADD 11 COR 1 (ro); ADD 12 COR 1 (ro); ADD 14 COR 1 (ro); ADD 15 COR 1 (ro).