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From:	ACP Working Party
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Draft Council Decision establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the EPA committee set up by the Stepping Stone Economic Partnership Agreement between Côte d'Ivoire, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part, regarding the adoption of its rules of procedure - Adoption

1. On 5 February 2018, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for the above Decision¹.
2. The ACP Working Party discussed the abovementioned proposal and agreed on an amended text of the draft Council Decision on 5 March 2018.
3. The Permanent Representatives Committee is accordingly invited to recommend that the Council adopt, as an "A" item, the text set out in document 6479/18, after finalisation by the legal/linguistic experts, which will serve as a basis for negotiations in the EPA Committee set up by the Stepping Stone Economic Partnership Agreement between Côte d'Ivoire, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part, on the adoption of the rules of procedure of the EPA Committee.

¹ Doc. 5898/18 + ADD 1.