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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee

Subject: Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Government of the People's Republic of China on cooperation on, and protection of, geographical indications
- Decision to use the written procedure for adoption

1. On 20 July 2020, the Council adopted the Decision on the signing¹, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and the Government of the People's Republic of China on cooperation on, and protection of, geographical indications
3. The Agreement was signed on 14 September 2020.
4. On 11 November 2020, the European Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the Agreement.
5. On 16 November 2020, the Trade Policy Committee (Deputies) endorsed the draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement.
6. In light of the current exceptional circumstances, which make it impossible to adopt "A" items at Council meetings in the coming weeks, the Permanent Representatives' Committee is invited to:

¹ doc. 8356/20 (published in OJ L 244, 29.7.2020, p. 8–8).

- endorse the Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in document 8359/20;
 - approve the use of the written procedure for the adoption of the above-mentioned Council Decision; and
 - note that the European Parliament will be informed in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU, and that the Council Decision will be transmitted to the European Parliament.
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