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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council
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Subject:	Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Argentine Republic pursuant to Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions on all the tariff-rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union - Adoption

1. On 8 March 2021, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the signing[1], on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Argentine Republic pursuant to Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions on all the tariff-rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union, as well as a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion[2] of that Agreement.

[1] ST 6833/21 + ADD 1.
[2] ST 6834/21 + ADD 1.

2. On 19 April 2021, the Council adopted the Decision on the signing[3] of the Agreement. At the same time and in accordance with Article 218(6)(a)(v) TFEU, the Council decided to forward the draft Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement, as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in document 6837/21 + COR 1 (nl), together with the Agreement itself[4], to the European Parliament for its consent, with a view to preparing for the future conclusion of the Agreement.

3. The Agreement with the Argentine Republic was signed on 10 May 2021.

4. On 18 June 2021, the Trade Policy Committee (Deputies) endorsed the draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement, pending the outcome of the European Parliament's vote on the consent.

5. On 23 June 2021, the European Parliament provided its consent to the conclusion of the Agreement.

6. In light of the above, and subject to confirmation by the Permanent Representatives' Committee, the Council is invited to:

   - adopt, as an "A" item on the agenda of one of its forthcoming meetings, the Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in document 6837/21 + COR 1 (nl); 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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[3] ST 6836/21 + COR 1 (nl) (published in OJ L 135, 21.4.2021, p. 1).
[4] ST 6838/21.