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From:	ACP Working Party
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the EPA Committee established under the Interim Agreement establishing a framework for an Economic Partnership Agreement between the Eastern and Southern Africa States, on the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, on the other part, as regards the amendment of certain provisions of Protocol 1 concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation - Adoption

1. On 7 February 2019, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the EPA Committee established under the Interim Agreement establishing a framework for an Economic Partnership Agreement between the Eastern and Southern Africa States, on the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, on the other part, as regard the amendment of certain provisions of Protocol 1 concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation.

2. The ACP Working Party discussed the abovementioned proposal for a Council Decision and agreed on the text of the draft Council Decision on 14 March 2019.

3. The Permanent Representatives Committee is accordingly invited to recommend that the Council:

– adopt, as an "A" item, the text set out in document 8230/19, after finalisation by the legal/linguistic experts, which will serve as a basis for negotiations in the EPA Committee established under the Interim Agreement establishing a framework for an Economic Partnership Agreement between the Eastern and Southern Africa States, on the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, on the other part;

– inform the European Parliament of the adoption of the Council Decision.