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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the People's Republic of China 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

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2023/...

of ...

**on the signing, on behalf of the Union,
of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters
between the European Union and the People's Republic of China
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**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 207(4), first subparagraph, in conjunction with Article 218(5) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) On 15 June 2018, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations pursuant to Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 on the apportionment of the tariff rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the Union.
- (2) Negotiations with the People's Republic of China have been concluded and the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the People's Republic of China 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 ('the Agreement') was initialled on 18 April 2023.
- (3) The Agreement should be signed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The signing on behalf of the Union of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the People's Republic of China 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 is hereby authorised, subject to the conclusion of the said Agreement¹⁺.

Article 2

The President of the Council is hereby authorised to designate the person(s) empowered to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Union.

¹ The text of the Agreement will be published together with the decision on its conclusion.
⁺ Delegations: see document ST 10845/23.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at ...,

For the Council

The President
