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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 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

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**COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2023/...**

**of ...**

**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 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(6), second subparagraph, point (a)(v) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Having regard to the consent of the European Parliament<sup>1</sup>,

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<sup>1</sup> Consent of ... (not yet published in the Official Journal).

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Council Decision (EU) 2023/...<sup>1+</sup>, 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 Union (the 'Agreement') was signed on behalf of the Union on ...<sup>++</sup>, subject to its conclusion at a later date.
- (2) The objective of the Agreement is to provide for the apportionment of the tariff rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the Union.
- (3) The Agreement should be approved,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

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<sup>1</sup> 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 (OJ L ...).

<sup>+</sup> OJ: please insert the number of the Decision contained in document ST 10843/23 and complete the corresponding footnote.

<sup>++</sup> OJ: please insert the date of signing of the Agreement contained in document ST 10845/23.

### *Article 1*

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 approved on behalf of the Union<sup>1+</sup>.

### *Article 2*

The President of the Council shall, on behalf of the Union, give the notification provided for in the Agreement<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> The text of the Agreement is published in ... [insert OJ reference for document ST 10845/23].

<sup>+</sup> Delegations: see document ST 10845/23.

<sup>2</sup> The date of entry into force of the Agreement will be published in *the Official Journal of the European Union* by the General Secretariat of the Council.

*Article 3*

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

Done at...

*For the Council*

*The President*

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