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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the EPA Committee established under the Interim Agreement with a view to an Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Central Africa Party, of the other part, as regards the adoption of the Protocol concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation - Adoption

1. On 12 January 2024, 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 with a view to an Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Central Africa Party, of the other part, as regards the adoption of the Protocol concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation.

2. The ACP Working Party discussed the abovementioned proposal and reached agreement on the text of the draft Council Decision at its level on 27 February 2024.

3. The Permanent Representatives Committee is accordingly invited to recommend that the Council at one of its upcoming meetings:

– adopt the draft Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the EPA Committee established under the Interim Agreement with a view to an Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Central Africa Party, of the other part, as regards the adoption of the Protocol concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation, as set out in documents ST 9670/24 + ADD 1, after finalisation by the legal/linguistic experts;

– order the publication of the Council Decision in the Official Journal;

– order that the decision of the EPA Committee, once adopted, be published in the Official Journal;

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