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Subject:	Council Decision on the conclusion of the agreement amending the Interim Partnership Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Pacific States, of the other part, as regards the accession of the Independent State of Samoa and Solomon Islands, and of future accessions of other Pacific Island States - Request for the consent of the Europan Parliament

1. On 22 June 2020, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the agreement amending the Interim Partnership Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Pacific States, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Independent State of Samoa and of future accessions of other Pacific Island States.

2. The ACP Working Party discussed the abovementioned proposal and agreed on the text of the draft Council Decision on 8 October 2020, with the necessary modifications to take into account the recent accession of Solomon Islands.

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

– decide to forward the Council Decision on the conclusion of the agreement amending the Interim Partnership Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Pacific States, of the other part, as regards the accession of the Independent State of Samoa and Solomon Islands, and of future accessions of other Pacific Island States, and set out in documents 11657/20 and 11669/20 as finalised by the legal linguistic experts, to the European Parliament for its consent.