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| From:    | General Secretariat of the Council                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| To:      | Permanent Representatives Committee/Council                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Subject: | Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the action of the Union following its accession to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications ( <b>first reading</b> )<br>- Adoption of the legislative act |

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1. On 27 July 2018, the Commission submitted its proposal<sup>1</sup>, based on Article 207 TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 12 December 2018<sup>2</sup>.
3. On 16 April 2019, the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal (without legal linguistic revision). After finalisation of the adopted text by the legal linguists, the Parliament approved a corrigendum to that position at its plenary session from 16 to 19 September 2019. It reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council<sup>3</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> 11515/18 + COR 1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ C 110, 22.3.2019, p. 55.

<sup>3</sup> 8490/19.

4. The proposal for a Regulation is part of a single package with the proposal for a Council Decision on the accession of the European Union to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications<sup>4</sup>, which requires for its adoption the consent of the European Parliament.
5. In light of the package character of the proposals, the adoption of the draft Regulation should be finalised only pursuant to the prior adoption of the draft Council Decision<sup>5</sup>.
6. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to confirm its agreement and to suggest that the Council:
  - approve the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE-CONS 74/19, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with Croatia and the United Kingdom abstaining;
  - decide that the statements in the Addenda 1 and 2 to this note be entered in the minutes of that meeting;
  - decide to publish the statements in Addendum 1 in the Official Journal of the European Union together with the legislative act.

If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

After being signed by the President of the European Parliament and the President of the Council, the legislative act will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

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<sup>4</sup> 11510/18 + ADD 1.

<sup>5</sup> 12384/19 + ADD 1 + ADD 2.