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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)
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Subject:	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 accessions of the Independent State of Samoa and the Solomon Islands, and of future accessions of other Pacific Island States a) Council Decision on signature and provisional application - *Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption* b) Draft Council Decision on conclusion *Request for the consent of the European Parliament* - *Decision to use the written procedure*

1. On 28 October, the Permanent Representative Committee (Part 2) recommended the Council to adopt the Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application 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 accessions of the Independent State of Samoa and Solomon Islands, and of future accessions of other Pacific Island States, as set out in documents 11656/20 and 11669/20 (see document 12150/20), and to decide to forward the draft 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 (see document 12152/20) to the European Parliament for its consent.

2. Due to the COVID-19 situation and in the absence of physical Council meetings, in view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to decide, in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure and Article 1 of Council Decision 2020/430, that the Council uses the written procedure:

   – for the adoption of the Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application 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 accessions of the Independent State of Samoa and Solomon Islands, and of future accessions of other Pacific Island States, as set out in documents 11656/20 and 11669/20 and

   – to decide to forward the draft 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 to the European Parliament for its consent.