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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	COM(2022) 365 final
Subject:	Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the Union within the Special Committee on Geographical Indications and Trade in Wines and Spirits established by the Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the SADC EPA States, of the other part, as regards the adoption of the rules of procedure of the Special Committee - Adoption

1. On 29 July 2022, 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 Special Committee on Geographical Indications and Trade in Wines and Spirits established by the Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the SADC EPA States, of the other part, as regards the adoption of its Rules of Procedure.

2. The ACP Working Party discussed the abovementioned proposal and reached agreement on the text of the draft Council Decision at its level on 20 September 2022.

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 Union within the Special Committee on Geographical Indications and Trade in Wines and Spirits established by the Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the SADC EPA States, of the other part, as regards the adoption of the rules of procedure of the Special Committee, as set out in documents ST 12562/22 + 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 Special Committee on Geographical Indications and Trade in Wines and Spirits, once adopted, be published in the Official Journal;

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