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From: General Secretariat of the Council

To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council

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Subject: Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway amending the Agreement of the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway pursuant to Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions on all the tariff-rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union

- Adoption

and

Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway amending the Agreement of the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway pursuant to Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions on all the tariff-rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union

- Request for the consent of the European Parliament

1. On 4 October 2023, the Commission submitted to the Council:
 - a) a proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway amending the Agreement of the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway pursuant to Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions on all the tariff-rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union (doc. 13813/23 + ADD 1); and
 - b) a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway amending the Agreement of the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway pursuant to Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions on all the tariff-rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union (doc. 13814/23 + ADD 1).
2. On 25 October 2023, the Trade Policy Committee (Deputies) examined and endorsed both proposals, including some necessary modifications.
3. In light of the above, and subject to confirmation by the Permanent Representatives' Committee, the Council is invited to:
 - adopt the Decision on the signing of the said Agreement, as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in documents 13816/23 and 13818/23;
 - note that the European Parliament will be informed in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU and that the Council Decision on the signing will be transmitted to the European Parliament; and
 - decide to forward the draft Decision on the conclusion of the said Agreement, as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in documents 13817/23 and 13818/23, to the European Parliament for its consent.