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'I/A' ITEM NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council
Subject:	EU-Afghanistan Cooperation Agreement on Partnership and Development - Joint Committee's rules of procedure - Approval

1. On 11 July 2017, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, within the Joint Committee established by the Cooperation Agreement on Partnership and Development between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, of the other part, as regards the adoption of the Joint Committee's rules of procedure and the setting-up of two special working groups.

2. Following examination of the proposal, the Asia Oceania Working Party agreed on the draft Council Decision on 8 November 2017.

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

- adopts as an 'A' item the Council Decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, within the Joint Committee established by the Cooperation Agreement on Partnership and Development between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, of the other part, as regards the adoption of the Joint Committee's rules of procedure and the setting-up of two special working groups as set out after finalisation by the Legal/Linguistic experts in document 14456/17.