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From:	ACP Working Party
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the EPA Committee established under the stepping stone Economic Partnership Agreement between Ghana, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part, as regards the adoption of Protocol 1 concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation - Adoption

1. On 22 July 2019, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the EPA Committee established under the stepping stone Economic Partnership Agreement between Ghana, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part, as regards the adoption of Protocol 1 concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation (11435/19 + ADD 1).

2. On 12 September 2019, the ACP Working Party reached agreement on the proposal.

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 European Union within the EPA Committee established under the stepping stone Economic Partnership Agreement between Ghana, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part, as regards the adoption of Protocol 1 concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation, as set out after finalisation by the Legal/Linguistic experts in document 12184/19;

– order the publication of the Council Decision in the Official Journal;

– order that the decision of the EPA Committee, once adopted, be published in the Official Journal;

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