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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 conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of an agreement on the modification of schedules of specific commitments under the General Agreement on Trade in Services to incorporate Annex 1 of the Declaration on the Conclusion of Negotiations on Services Domestic Regulation of 2 December 2021 - Adoption

1. On 7 June 2022, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of an agreement on the modification of the schedules of specific commitments under the General Agreement on Trade in Services to incorporate Annex 1 of the Declaration on the Conclusion of Negotiations on Services Domestic Regulation of 2 December 2021¹.
2. During its meetings on 8 and 22 June, the Trade Policy Committee (experts - Services and Investments) approved this proposal, modified on the basis of a Presidency compromise proposal to make necessary changes.

¹ ST 9979/22 + ADD 1

3. On 12 July 2022, the Council decided², as an "A" item in accordance with Article 218, paragraph 6, point a(v) TFEU, to transmit to the European Parliament, for consent, the draft decision³ on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement, as finalised by the legal linguistic experts.
4. On 10 November 2022, the European Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the Agreement.
5. In light of the above, and subject to confirmation by the Permanent Representatives Committee, the Council is invited to:
 - adopt, as an "A" item on the agenda of one of its forthcoming meetings, the Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in document 9982/22 + ADD 1; and
 - note that the European Parliament will be informed in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU, and that the Council Decision will be transmitted to the European Parliament.

² ST 9981/22

³ ST 9982/22 + ADD 1