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'I/A' ITEM NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Council decision authorising the opening of negotiations with the Republic of Colombia for a Partnership and Cooperation Agreement – Approval

1. On 26 June 2023, the European Commission presented a recommendation for a Council decision authorising the European Commission and the High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to open negotiations and negotiate a Partnership and Cooperation Agreement with the Republic of Colombia, including the annexed directives for the negotiation (ST 11112/23 + ADD 1).
2. The recommended Council decision and negotiating directives were discussed by the Working Party on Latin America and the Caribbean (COLAC) at its meetings on 27 June, 4 July, 26 September, and 20 October, modified to take into account a number of necessary adjustments, and endorsed by COLAC at its meeting on 24 October 2023.

At the meeting of 24 October 2023, the Chair took note of large support for a mixed agreement.

3. In view of the above, and subject to confirmation by the Permanent Representatives' Committee, the Council is invited to:

- adopt the Council decision authorising the opening of negotiations with the Republic of Colombia for a Partnership and Cooperation Agreement, as set out, after legal/linguistic verification, in document ST 14796/23;
 - and to agree on the directives for the negotiation of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement, as set out in document ST 14796/23 ADD 1.
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