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From:	ACP Working Party
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Council Decision on the accession of Samoa to the Interim Partnership Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Pacific States, of the other part - Adoption

1. On 23 July 2018, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the accession of Samoa to the Interim Partnership Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Pacific States, of the other part and, as an annex, the market access offer presented by Samoa (11392/18 + ADD 1).

2. On 18 September 2018, the ACP Working Party examined the above-mentioned proposal and proposed some changes to the text of the draft Council Decision.

3. On 10 October 2018, the Council requested the consent of the European Parliament to the accession of Samoa to the Agreement.

4. The Parliament gave its consent on 29 November 2018.

5. The ACP Working Party agreed on the text at its meeting on 4 December 2018.

6. The Permanent Representatives Committee is accordingly invited to recommend that the Council adopt, as an "A" item, the draft Council Decision set out in document 12281/18 + ADD 1 and order its publication in the Official Journal.