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From: General Secretariat of the Council

To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject:

Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Thailand pursuant to Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions on all the tariff-rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union

- Adoption

and

Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the Union and the Kingdom of Thailand pursuant to Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions on all the tariff-rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union

- Request for the consent of the European Parliament
- 1. On 19 January 2021, the Commission submitted to the Council:
 - a) a proposal for a Council Decision on the signature, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the Union and the Kingdom of Thailand relating to the modification of concessions on all the tariff-rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union (doc. 5440/21 + ADD 1); and

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- b) a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the Union and the Kingdom of Thailand relating to the modification of concessions on all the tariff-rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union (doc. 5441/21 + ADD 1).
- 2. The Trade Policy Committee (Deputies) was consulted on this text in writing and endorsed it as modified to take into account a number of necessary adjustments.
- 3. In light of the above, and subject to confirmation by the Permanent Representatives' Committee, the Council is invited to:
 - adopt the Decision on the signing of the said Agreement, as finalised by the
 legal-linguistic experts and set out in documents 5443/21 and 5445/21;
 - note that the European Parliament will be informed in accordance with Article 218(10)
 TFEU and that the Council Decision on the signing will be transmitted to the European Parliament;
 - decide to forward the draft Decision on the conclusion of the said Agreement, as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in documents 5444/21 and 5445/21, to the European Parliament for its consent.

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