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'I/A' ITEM NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and the Republic of Kenya, Member of the East African Community, of the other part - Adoption of the Irish language version

1. On 12 December 2023, the Council adopted the Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and the Republic of Kenya, Member of the East African Community, of the other part (the 'Agreement' – 15954/23 and 13573/23 + ADD 1-2).

2. On the same day, the Council decided to forward the draft Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement (15958/23 and 13573/23 + ADD 1-2) to the European Parliament for its consent.

3. The Irish language version of the Agreement, which was not produced prior to the adoption of the Council Decision mentioned in point 1 and to the decision to forward the Council Decision mentioned in point 2 to the European Parliament, is now available.

4. Article 146(2) of the Agreement stipulates that the "*Irish language version shall be authenticated by an exchange of diplomatic notes between the European Union and the Republic of Kenya after the signature and before the entry into force of this Agreement*".

5. Consequently, Coreper is invited to suggest that the Council approve, at one of its forthcoming sessions, as an "A" item, the Irish language version of the Agreement, as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in document 13573/23 + ADD 1-2.