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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council
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Subject:	Council Decision establishing the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union in the World Trade Organization as regards the incorporation of the Agreement on Electronic Commerce into the Agreement establishing the World Trade Organization - Adoption

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1. The World Trade Organization (WTO) launched negotiations for an Agreement on Electronic Commerce in January 2019. The Commission conducted the negotiations on behalf of the EU in accordance with the Council authorisation and mandate of 21 May 2019<sup>1</sup>. The participating WTO Members agreed on the text of the Agreement on Electronic Commerce on 26 July 2024.
2. On 6 February 2025, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the WTO on adding the Agreement on Electronic Commerce into the Agreement establishing the World Trade Organization<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> ST 8993/19.

<sup>2</sup> ST 6032/25.

3. The European Data Protection Supervisor was consulted in accordance with Article 42(1) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council and delivered an opinion on 2 April 2025<sup>1</sup>.
4. The Trade Policy Committee (Experts - Services and Investment) discussed the draft Council Decision on 12 and 26 February 2025, and endorsed it on 26 March 2025.
5. In light of the above, and subject to confirmation by the Permanent Representatives Committee, the Council is invited to:
  - adopt the Council Decision establishing the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union in the World Trade Organization as regards the incorporation of the Agreement on Electronic Commerce into the Agreement establishing the World Trade Organization, as finalised by the legal linguistic experts and set out in document 6035/25; 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 Parliament.

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<sup>1</sup> ST 7780/25.