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Subject:	Council Decision on the conclusion of the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam - Adoption

1. On 19 October 2018, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the signing[1], on behalf of the European Union, of the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, as well as a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion[2] of that Agreement.

2. On 25 June 2019, the Council adopted the Decision on the signing[3] of the Agreement. At the same time and in accordance with Article 218(6)(a)(v) TFEU, the Council decided to forward the draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement, together with the Agreement itself[4], to the European Parliament for its consent, with a view to preparing for the future conclusion of the Agreement.

3. The Agreement with Viet Nam was signed on 30 June 2019.

1 doc. 13312/18 + ADD 1-12.
2 doc. 13313/18 + ADD 1-12.
3 doc. 6048/19 (published in OJ L 177, 2.7.2019, p. 1).
4 doc. 6051/19 + ADD 1-10.

4. On 12 February 2020, the European Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the Agreement.

5. On 14 February 2020, the Trade Policy Committee (Deputies) endorsed the draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement.

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

- adopt, as an "A" item on the agenda of one of its forthcoming meetings, the Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in document 6050/19 + 6050/1/19 REV 1 (ga);

- 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 European Parliament.