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SUMMARY RECORD

Subject: 2486th meeting of the PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE
held in Brussels on 19, 20 and 21 February 2014

Extract of the SUMMARY RECORD

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52. EU-Singapore FTA and EU-Canada CETA

- **Political aspects linked to the nature of the agreements (mixity)**
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The Committee discussed the nature of the EU-Singapore Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and the EU-Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA). The Commission reiterated its position that the issue of competence should be addressed once the negotiations are finished.

In light of the intervention by delegations and the Council Legal Service (CLS) and recalling the CLS's written opinions (docs. 17144/12 LIMITE, 17036/13 LIMITE and 5734/13 RESTRICTED EU), the Committee recognised there is clear sense of agreement among delegations that the EU-Singapore FTA is of mixed nature and needs to be signed and concluded as such. The same applies, *mutatis mutandis* to the EU-Canada CETA, as it is likely to cover unexercised shared or Member States' competences as well.

In this context, the Committee noted that the Council will not agree to sign and conclude the Singapore FTA agreement and the CETA with Canada as "EU-only" agreements. Therefore, with a view to avoiding unnecessary delays, both in the EU's internal processes and vis-à-vis the partners concerned, the Committee invited the Commission to introduce the necessary modifications in the headings and texts of the respective agreements as soon as possible, so that the negotiated texts reflect the "mixed" nature of the agreements.
