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#### **'I/A' ITEM NOTE**

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council
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Subject:	Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Interim Agreement on Trade between the European Union and the Republic of Chile <i>- Adoption</i>

#### **Statement by Greece**

1. Greece recognises the political and economic importance of the Interim Agreement on Trade between the European Union and the Republic of Chile.
2. Greece underlines the importance it attaches to the protection of geographical indications and expresses its concern regarding the practice of registering trademarks in bad faith, which undermines the effective implementation of the protection of geographical indications provided for in the Agreement.

3. Greece expects that Chile, acting in good faith, will conform to the commitment undertaken in the letter of the Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs on 28 February 2022, according to which the final decision on objections to trademark applications would have been taken before the signature of the modernised EU-Chile Association Agreement and the results of this process would have been communicated to the EU.
  4. Greece calls on the Commission to continue its efforts to address the issue in the context of the effective implementation and enforcement of the Agreement.
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