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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council
No. Cion doc.:	7905/22 + ADD 1, 7906/22 + ADD 1
Subject:	<p>Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and New Zealand pursuant to Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions on all the tariff rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union</p> <p>- Adoption</p> <p>and</p> <p>Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and New Zealand pursuant to Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions on all the tariff rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union</p> <p>- Request for the consent of the European Parliament</p>

1. On 4 April 2022, the Commission submitted to the Council:
 - a) a proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and New Zealand pursuant to Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions on all the tariff rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union (doc. 7905/22 + ADD 1); and

- b) a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and New Zealand pursuant to Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions on all the tariff rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union (doc. 7906/22 + ADD 1).
2. On 29 April 2022, the Trade Policy Committee (Deputies) examined and endorsed both proposals, including some necessary modifications.
3. In light of the above, and subject to confirmation by the Permanent Representatives' Committee, the Council is invited to:
- adopt the Decision on the signing of the said Agreement, as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in documents 7909/22 and 7911/22;
 - note that the European Parliament will be informed in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU and that the Council Decision on the signing will be transmitted to the European Parliament;
 - decide to forward the draft Decision on the conclusion of the said Agreement, as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in documents 7910/22 and 7911/22, to the European Parliament for its consent; and
 - take note of the statement contained in the addendum to this note.
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