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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	8354/20 + ADD 1, 8357/20 + ADD 1
Subject:	Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and the Government of the People's Republic of China on cooperation on, and protection of, geographical indications -Adoption and Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Government of the People's Republic of China on cooperation on, and protection of, geographical indications -Request for the consent of the European Parliament

1. On 27 May 2020, the Commission submitted to the Council:

   a) a proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and the government of the People's Republic of China on cooperation on, and protection of, geographical indications (doc. 8354/20 + ADD 1); and

   b) a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the government of the People's Republic of China on cooperation on, and protection of, geographical indications (doc. 8357/20 + ADD 1).

2. The proposals were examined and endorsed by the Trade Policy Committee (Deputies), and modified to take into account a number of necessary adjustments.

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 8356/20 and 8361/20;

   – 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 8359/20 and 8361/20, to the European Parliament for its consent; and

   – decide to enter in its minutes the statements contained in addendum to this note.