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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 Protocol amending the Marrakesh Agreement establishing the World Trade Organization, as regards the Agreement on fisheries subsidies - Adoption

1. On 9 November 2022, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Protocol Amending the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization¹.
2. On 5 December 2022, in accordance with Article 218(6)(a)(v) TFEU, the Council decided to forward the draft Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Protocol amending the Marrakesh Agreement establishing the World Trade Organization, as regards the Agreement on fisheries subsidies, as finalised by the Legal Linguistic experts and set out in documents 14557/22 and 14558/22, to the European Parliament for its consent.
3. The European Parliament provided its consent to the conclusion of the Protocol on 19 April 2023.

¹ Doc. 14555/22 + ADD 1

4. The draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol was endorsed by the Trade Policy Committee (Deputies) on 27 April 2023.
 5. 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 Protocol as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in documents 14557/22 and 14558/22; and
 - 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.
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