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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	8412/22 + ADD 1 - COM (2022) 176 final
Subject:	Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the EPA Committee established under the Stepping Stone Economic Partnership Agreement between Ghana, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part, as regards the adoption of the Rules of Procedure for dispute settlement

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1. On 22 April 2022, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the EPA Committee established under the Stepping Stone Economic Partnership Agreement between Ghana, of the one part, and the European Union and its Member States, of the other part, regarding the adoption of the Rules of Procedure for dispute settlement<sup>1</sup>.
2. The ACP Working Party examined the draft Council Decision and reached agreement on the text on 17 May 2022.

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<sup>1</sup> 8412/22 + ADD 1.

3. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to recommend that, at one of its forthcoming meetings, the Council:
- adopt the draft Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the EPA Committee established under the Stepping Stone Economic Partnership Agreement between Ghana, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part, as regards the adoption of the Rules of Procedure for dispute settlement, as set out in 9199/22 + ADD 1, after finalisation by the legal/linguistic experts;
  - order publication of the Council Decision in the Official Journal;
  - order that the decision of the EPA Committee, once adopted, be published in the Official Journal;
  - inform the European Parliament of the adoption of the Council Decision.
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