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From:	Trade Policy Committee (Experts (Services and Investment))
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of an agreement on the modification of schedules of specific commitments under the GATS to be incorporated in Annex 1 of the Declaration on the Conclusion of Negotiations on Services Domestic Regulation of 2 December 2021 – Request by the Council for the consent of the European Parliament

1. On 7 June 2022, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of an agreement on the modification of schedules of specific commitments under the GATS to be incorporated in Annex 1 of the Declaration on the Conclusion of Negotiations on Services Domestic Regulation of 2 December 2021¹.
2. The proposal, as modified on the basis of a Presidency compromise proposal to take into account a number of necessary adjustments, was endorsed by the Trade Policy Committee (Experts (Services and Investment)) at its meetings on 8 June and 22 June.

¹ST 9979/22 + ADD 1

3. In accordance with Article 218(6)(a)(v) TFEU, the Council should first decide on the transmission of the draft Decision to the European Parliament in order to obtain its consent.
 4. In light of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to recommend that the Council decide, as an 'A' item, to forward the draft Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of an agreement on the modification of schedules of specific commitments under the GATS to be incorporated in Annex 1 of the Declaration on the Conclusion of Negotiations on Services Domestic Regulation of 2 December 2021, as finalised by the legal/linguistic experts and set out in 9982/22 + ADD 1, to the European Parliament for its consent.
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