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from : Trade Policy Committee

to : Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject : Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union of the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, Australia, Canada, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the United Mexican States, the Kingdom of Morocco, New Zealand, the Republic of Singapore, the Swiss Confederation and the United States of America

1. On 24 June 2011, the Commission submitted to the Council its proposal mentioned above.
2. The proposal was endorsed by the Trade Policy Committee at its meeting on 2 December 2011¹, subject to an amendment to the recitals to the originally proposed text, with which the Commission agreed.

¹ Subject to the lifting of the parliamentary scrutiny reservations entered by two delegations.

3. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to recommend that the Council adopts, as an "A" item on the agenda of one of its forthcoming meetings, the proposed Decision on the signature of the said Agreement, as finalised by the Legal/Linguistic experts and set out in document 12192/1/11 REV1 WTO 252 PI 78 UD 164 DROIPEN 72 JUSTCIV 185 COPEN 170 MI 340 and the proposed Agreement set out in document 12196/11 WTO 256 PI 82 UD 168 DROIPEN 76 JUSTCIV 189 COPEN 174 MI 344.

4. Furthermore, with a view to preparing for the future conclusion of the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, Australia, Canada, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the United Mexican States, the Kingdom of Morocco, New Zealand, the Republic of Singapore, the Swiss Confederation and the United States of America, the Permanent Representatives Committee is also invited to recommend that the Council decides, as an "A" item at the same meeting, to forward the draft Decision on the conclusion of the said Agreement, as finalised by the Legal Linguistic experts and set out in document 12195/11 WTO 255 PI 81 UD 167 DROIPEN 75 JUSTCIV 188 COPEN 173 MI 343 and the proposed Agreement set out in document 12196/11 WTO 256 PI 82 UD 168 DROIPEN 76 JUSTCIV 189 COPEN 174 MI 344 to the European Parliament for its consent.
