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## EU-Ghana Stepping Stone Economic Partnership Agreement \*\*\*

European Parliament legislative resolution of 1 December 2016 on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the stepping stone Economic Partnership Agreement between Ghana, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part (12396/2016 — C8-0406/2016 — 2008/0137(NLE))

(Consent)

(2018/C 224/45)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the draft Council decision (12396/2016),
- having regard to the draft stepping stone Economic Partnership Agreement between Ghana, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part (12130/2008),
- having regard to the request for consent submitted by the Council in accordance with Article 207(3), Article 207(4), first subparagraph and Article 209(2) and Article 218(6), second subparagraph, point (a), of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (C8-0406/2016),
- having regard to its resolution of 25 March 2009 on the stepping stone Economic Partnership Agreement between Ghana, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part (1),
- having regard to Rule 99 (1), first and third subparagraphs, Rule 99(2), and Rule 108(7) of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the recommendation of the Committee on International Trade (A8-0328/2016),
- 1. Gives its consent to conclusion of the agreement;
- 2. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission, and the governments and parliaments of the Member States and of Ghana.