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'I/A' ITEM NOTE

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 Union, of the Cooperation Agreement on Partnership and Development between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, of the other part

- Request for the consent of the European Parliament

1. On 22 September 2016, the Commission submitted to the Council a revised Joint Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the Cooperation Agreement on Partnership and Development between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, of the other part, and, at annex, the final result of the negotiations in the form of a draft Cooperation Agreement on Partnership and Development between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, of the other part (12507/16 + ADD1).

2. On 13 February 2017, the Council adopted a decision on the signing of the Agreement¹. The Agreement was signed in Munich (Germany) on 18 February 2017.
3. On 17 January 2018, the Asia Oceania Working Party examined the draft Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Cooperation Agreement on Partnership and Development between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, of the other part, as set out after finalisation by the Legal/Linguistic experts in document 15093/16, and agreed to request the consent of the European Parliament for conclusion of the Agreement.
4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is accordingly invited to recommend that the Council at one of its upcoming meetings:
 - decide to request the consent of the European Parliament on the basis of the above mentioned draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Cooperation Agreement on Partnership and Development, as set out in document 15093/16.

¹ OJ L 67, 14.3.2017, p.1.