DECISION No 1/2016 OF THE EU-COLOMBIA-PERU TRADE COMMITTEE

of 8 February 2016

on the approval of the text of the Protocol of Accession
of Ecuador to the Trade Agreement between the
European Union and its Member States, of the one
part, and Colombia and Peru, of the other part

THE TRADE COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Colombia and Peru, of the other part ("the Agreement"), signed in Brussels on 26 June 2012, and in particular Article 329 thereof,
Whereas:

1. Article 329 of the Agreement lays down the provisions whereby other Member Countries of the Andean Community can become Parties to the Agreement.

2. Ecuador's accession to the Agreement, including the amendments thereto provided for in the Additional Protocol to the Agreement to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union, is to become effective by means of the conclusion of a Protocol of Accession ("Protocol of Accession to the Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Colombia and Peru, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Ecuador", hereinafter, “the Protocol of Accession”)

3. Following the conclusion on 17 July 2014 of the negotiations between the European Union and Ecuador of a Protocol of Accession to the Agreement, the Protocol of Accession was notified to the Trade Committee established under the Agreement on 11 February 2015.

4. In accordance with Article 329(4) of the Agreement, prior to undertaking the internal procedures necessary for the entry into force, the Protocol of Accession negotiated by the European Union and Ecuador must be previously approved by the Trade Committee.

5. However, as specified in footnote 89 of the Agreement, prior approval by the Trade Committee is not required for the lists of concessions set out in Annexes I (Tariff Elimination Schedules), VII (List of Commitments on Establishment) and VIII (List of Commitments on Cross border Supply of Services) resulting from the negotiation between the EU and Ecuador. The Annexes mentioned above correspond to the following Annexes of the Protocol of Accession: Annexes II to V (Market Access for Goods), Annexes IX to XVII (Trade in Services, Establishment and Electronic Commerce) and Annexes XVIII to XIX (Government Procurement).

6. The Parties convened a meeting of the Trade Committee on 8 February 2016 to approve the text of the Protocol of Accession of Ecuador to the Agreement before it can be signed and ratified by the Parties.

7. The Protocol of Accession must be signed and ratified by the Parties, each in accordance with its internal procedures.

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1 The Decision on the approval of the text of the Protocol of Accession of Ecuador by the Trade Committee is without prejudice to the internal procedures that must be undertaken by each Party for the entry into force of the Additional Protocol to the Agreement to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.
HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. The text of the "Protocol of Accession to the Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Colombia and Peru, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Ecuador", with the exception of the lists of concessions set out in its Annexes II to V and Annexes IX to XIX is hereby approved by the Trade Committee in accordance with the provisions of Article 329(4) of the Agreement.

2. The text of the Protocol of Accession is set out in the Annex to this Decision.

3. The Protocol of Accession, including the lists of concessions set out in the Annexes listed in paragraph 1, is subject to legal review, signature and ratification by the Parties, each in accordance with its internal procedures.

Article 2

This Decision does not create rights or obligations under international law.

Done in Brussels, Bogotá and Lima, on 8 February 2016

For the Trade Committee

On behalf of the Ministry of
Trade Industry and Tourism of Colombia

On behalf of the
Directorate General for Trade of the European Commission

On behalf of the Ministry of
Foreign Trade and Tourism of Peru.
MINUTES OF THE AD HOC TRADE COMMITTEE ON THE ACCESSION OF ECUADOR TO THE EU-COLOMBIA/PERU TRADE AGREEMENT.

Videoconference - Brussels, Bogotá and Lima. 8 February 2016

Approval of the Agenda

The Parties approved the Agenda.

Point 1 - Accession of Ecuador to the Trade Agreement.

The EU side, holding the Presidency of the Trade Committee, recalled that the goal of integrating Ecuador into the EU-Colombia/Peru Trade Agreement was shared by all parties and that Article 329 of the Agreement lays down the provisions whereby other Member Countries of the Andean Community can become Parties to the Agreement.

The EU side recalled that following the conclusion on 17 July 2014 of the negotiations between the European Union and Ecuador of a Protocol of Accession to the Agreement, the Protocol of Accession was notified to the Trade Committee on 11 February 2015 and that prior to undertaking the internal procedures necessary for the entry into force, the Protocol, with the exception of the lists of concessions set out in Annexes I (Tariff Elimination Schedules), VII (List of Commitments on Establishment) and VIII (List of Commitments on Cross border Supply of Services) resulting from the negotiation between the EU and Ecuador, must be approved by the Trade Committee.

The EU side recalled that after communications from Peru and Colombia, the Parties agreed to convene this meeting of the Trade Committee on 8 February 2016 to endorse the text of the Protocol of Accession of Ecuador to the Agreement.

The Colombian and the Peruvian side reiterated their support of the Accession of Ecuador to the Trade Agreement. Subsequently, the Trade Committee approved Decision 1/2016 of 8 February 2016 on the approval of the text of the Protocol of Accession of Ecuador to the Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Colombia and Peru, of the other part, in accordance with Article 329(4) thereof. In accordance with this same Article, the Parties reaffirmed at this meeting their intentions to undertake the internal procedures for the entry into force of the Protocol.

The Chairperson closed the meeting.

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