EU/Cuba Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement

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PURPOSE: to conclude, on behalf of the European Union, the Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Cuba, of the other.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: Council may adopt the act only if the European Parliament has approved it.

BACKGROUND: the Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Cuba, of the other part was signed, subject to its conclusion at a later date. The Union and Cuba are committed to consolidating and **strengthening their relations in the areas of political dialogue, cooperation and trade** on the basis of mutual respect, reciprocity, common interest and respect for the sovereignty of the Parties.

The Agreement must now be approved

CONTENT: the draft Council decision is aimed at **approving, on behalf of the Union**, the Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Cuba, of the other part.

For more details on the content of the Agreement, please refer to the summary of the initial joint proposal of the Commission and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, of 21.09.2016.