The European Parliament,

– having regard to the Council position at first reading (08536/1/2016 – C8-0226/2016),

– having regard to its position at first reading on the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council (COM(2013)0579),

– having regard to Article 294(7) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

– having regard to Rule 76 of its Rules of Procedure,

– having regard to the recommendation for second reading of the Committee on International Trade (A8-0240/2016),

1. Approves the Council position at first reading;

2. Notes that the act is adopted in accordance with the Council position;

3. Instructs its President to sign the act with the President of the Council, in accordance with Article 297(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union;

4. Instructs its Secretary-General to sign the act, once it has been verified that all the procedures have been duly completed, and, in agreement with the Secretary-General of the Council, to arrange for its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union;

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5. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the national parliaments.