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Subject: Conclusion of the Uruguay Round and future activities of the WTO

1. In the light of the CJEC's legal opinion, how does the Council view the future role of the Commission and the Member States in the World Trade Organization (WTO)?
2. Is the Council prepared to negotiate with the Commission and the European Parliament an interinstitutional agreement which guarantees that the Union will present a united front in the WTO, leaves the common commercial policy unaffected and gives the EP observer status in the EU delegation to the WTO?

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- * Consultation procedure
simple majority
- **I Cooperation procedure (first reading)
simple majority
- **II Cooperation procedure (second reading)
simple majority to approve the common position
absolute majority of Parliament's component Members to reject or amend the common position
- *** Assent procedure
absolute majority of Parliament's component Members to give assent
except for simple majority under Articles 8a, 105, 106, 130d and 228 EC

- ***I Codecision procedure (first reading)
simple majority
- ***II Codecision procedure (second reading)
simple majority to approve the common position
absolute majority of Parliament's component Members either to adopt a declaration of intent to reject the common position, or to amend or confirm the rejection of the common position
- ***III Codecision procedure (third reading)
simple majority to approve the joint text
absolute majority of Parliament's component Members to reject the Council text