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Subject:	Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the 'Customs' Programme for cooperation in the field of customs - Partial mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament

1. On 12 June 2018, the Commission submitted to the Council and the European Parliament a Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the 'Customs' Programme for cooperation in the field of customs.
2. The Working Party on Customs Union examined this proposal at various meetings in 2018. Following a meeting of the Working Party on 5 December 2018, a compromise text, as laid down in doc. WK 15532/2018 was supported by a majority of delegations.
3. Against this background, the Committee is invited to provide the Presidency with a mandate to enter into informal negotiations with the Parliament, on the basis of the positions set out in doc. ST 15514/18.