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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the EU-Switzerland Joint Committee established by the Agreement of 25 June 2009 between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on the simplification of inspections and formalities in respect of the carriage of goods and on customs security measures as regards the amendment of Chapter III and Annexes I and II of the Agreement - Adoption

1. On 12 January 2021, the Commission submitted to the Council the above-mentioned Proposal¹, based on Article 218(9) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.
2. In the absence of a meeting of the Working Party on Customs Union due to the current travel restrictions, the delegates examined the Proposal in an informal setting and reached an agreement on the text as laid down in doc. ST 5464/21 on 1 February 2021.
3. Against this background, the Permanent Representatives Committee could:
 - confirm the agreement reached within the Working Party, and
 - invite the Council to adopt the draft Decision as set out in documents ST 5657/21 and ST 5658/21 (texts revised by legal/linguistic experts) as an item without discussion at one of its forthcoming meetings.

¹ Doc. ST 5207/21 + ADD1.