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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Draft Council decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, in the sixty-first session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on the scheduling of substances under the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by 1972 Protocol and the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971

1. The market for new psychoactive substances (NPS) has changed dramatically in the past few years and NPS are appearing at unprecedented pace, posing a risk to public health and safety. The WHO Expert Committee on Drug Dependence evaluates the risk posed by these substances and therefore can recommend to schedule the dangerous substances under the UN Drugs Conventions.
2. On 8 December 2017, the WHO recommended to the Secretary-General of the UN to add one new substance to Schedules I and IV of the UN Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol, five new substances to Schedule I of the UN Single Convention and six new substances to Schedule II of the UN Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971.

3. In this context, on 12 January 2018, Commission tabled the proposal for a Council decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, in the 61st CND session on the scheduling of substances under the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol and the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971 (doc. 5260/18 + ADD1 CORDROGUE 5 SAN 15 RELEX 30).
4. The Commission proposal was analysed at the meeting of the Horizontal Working Party on Drugs (HDG) on 15-16 January 2018 and on 8-9 February 2018. The revised version of the proposal contained in doc. 5761/1/18 REV 1 was endorsed by the working party through a silence procedure on 16 February 2018.
5. **As a consequence, the Council is requested:**
 - **to adopt the draft Council decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, in the sixty-first session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on the scheduling of substances under the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol and the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971, as outlined in doc. 6084/18 CORDROGUE 17 SAN 55 RELEX 103.**
