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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION supplementing the negotiating directives for the Doha Development Agenda as regards the negotiations for a multilateral framework on investment facilitation

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**COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2019/...**

**of ...**

**supplementing the negotiating directives for the Doha Development Agenda  
as regards the negotiations for a multilateral framework on investment facilitation**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular the first subparagraph of Article 207(4), in conjunction with Article 218(3) and (4) thereof,

Having regard to the recommendation from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) Under the Doha Development Agenda, the Council authorised the opening of negotiations in the World Trade Organization (WTO), and addressed directives to the Commission, *inter alia* on trade and investment.
- (2) On 13 December 2017, at the Eleventh Ministerial Conference of the WTO, 70 Members of the WTO adopted a joint statement on investment facilitation for development, calling for structured discussions with the aim of developing a multilateral framework on investment facilitation.
- (3) The current phase of discussions, aimed at developing the possible elements of a multilateral framework on investment facilitation, is likely to be followed by a first negotiating phase in the autumn of 2019.
- (4) The adoption of supplementary negotiating directives is necessary to further frame the position of the Union in the WTO negotiations on investment facilitation.
- (5) Pursuant to Article 207(3) of the Treaty, the Trade Policy Committee should continue to be designated as the committee in consultation with which the negotiations are to be conducted,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

### *Article 1*

The negotiating directives addressed to the Commission on the Doha Development Agenda are supplemented by the negotiating directives for the negotiations of a multilateral framework on investment facilitation set out in the addendum to this Decision.

### *Article 2*

The Commission shall conduct the negotiations in consultation with the Trade Policy Committee pursuant to Article 207(3) of the Treaty. The Commission shall report regularly to that Committee on the progress of the negotiations.

### *Article 3*

The negotiating directives cannot be construed as affecting, in any way, the respective competences of the Union and of the Member States.

*Article 4*

This Decision is addressed to the Commission.

Done at ...,

*For the Council*

*The President*

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