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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)
Subject:	Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the General Council of the World Trade organization on the adoption of a decision to grant a WTO waiver permitting the United States to provide duty-free treatment under the US Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act (CBERA) - Adoption - Decision to use the written procedure

1. On 9 July 2025, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for the above-mentioned Council Decision (doc. 11409/25).
2. On 10 July 2025, the Trade Policy Committee (Deputies) examined and endorsed the proposal.
3. A decision to grant a WTO waiver permitting the United States to provide duty-free treatment under the US Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act (CBERA) is expected to be taken during the next meeting of the General Council of the WTO on 22-23 July 2025.
4. In the light of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to:
 - confirm its agreement on the text of the Council Decision as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in document 11427/25;

- decide, in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council’s Rules of Procedure and Article 1 of Council Decision 2020/430, and in view of the urgency of the matter, that the Council uses the written procedure for its adoption; and
 - note that the European Parliament will be informed in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU, and that the Council Decision will be transmitted to the Parliament.
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