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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the World Customs Organization (WCO) with regard to the adoption of Explanatory Notes, Classification Opinions or other advice on the interpretation of the Harmonized System and recommendations to secure uniformity in the interpretation of the Harmonized System under the Harmonised System Convention  
- Adoption

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1. On 15 Mai 2020, the Commission submitted to the Council the above mentioned Proposal, based on Article 218(9) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.
2. The Working Party on Customs Union examined the Proposal and reached an agreement on the text as laid down in doc. ST 9417/20 REV 2 on 8 October 2020.
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 doc. 11650/20 and 11651/20 (text revised by legal/linguistic experts) as an item without discussion at one of its forthcoming meetings.