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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council
Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Trade Committee established by the Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Colombia, Peru and Ecuador, of the other part, as regards modifications to Appendices 2, 2A and 5 to Annex II to that Agreement
- Adoption

Statement by the Commission

The Commission considers that the Council Decision should be addressed to the Commission, and therefore considers the changes to Article 3 to be inappropriate.

The expression of the Union position in a body set up by an agreement is an act of external representation of the Union which, in accordance with Article 17(1) TEU, is the institutional prerogative of the Commission.

The Commission reserves all its rights in this regard.
