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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport as regards the amendment of its Terms of Reference

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**COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2023/...**

**of ...**

**on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union  
within the Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport  
as regards the amendment of its Terms of Reference**

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(9) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30) is a body set up by the Inland Transport Committee of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.
- (2) WP.30, during its 164th session in October 2023 or a subsequent session, is to adopt amendments to its Terms of Reference ('ToR') in order to align its wording with the new ToR of the Inland Transport Committee.
- (3) It is also necessary to change the title of WP.30 in order to acknowledge its role at global level, as well as to make it possible for a non-member of the United Nations to attend a meeting of WP.30 in the future.
- (4) Furthermore, it is useful to clarify the tasks and the role of WP.30, as well as its relationship with intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations.
- (5) It is appropriate to establish the position to be taken on the Union's behalf within WP.30 as regards the amendment of its ToR, as the new ToR will be capable of decisively influencing the content of Union law on customs, transport and border-crossing facilitations.
- (6) The position of the Union within WP.30 should therefore be to support the attached draft amendments,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

### *Article 1*

The position to be taken on the Union's behalf within the Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30), during its 164th session or one of the subsequent sessions, on its new Terms of Reference shall be to support the draft amendments of the Terms of Reference for WP.30 attached to this Decision.

### *Article 2*

The position set out in Article 1 shall be expressed by the Commission. The Member States of the Union shall express that position when a formal vote is taken in WP.30, acting jointly in the interest of the Union.

### *Article 3*

Minor technical changes to the position set out in Article 1 may be agreed upon by the representatives of the Union within WP.30 without a further decision of the Council.

*Article 4*

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at ...,

*For the Council*

*The President*

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