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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)
Subject:	WTO : 13th Ministerial Conference in Abu Dhabi - Decision to hold a Council meeting in a place other than Brussels or Luxembourg

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1. The 13th Ministerial Conference (MC13) will take place from 26 to 29 February 2024 in Abu Dhabi, the United Arab Emirates.
2. Coreper is invited to decide, in accordance with Article 1(3) and Article 19(7)(a) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, that a Council meeting will be held in the margins of the above-mentioned Conference.
3. Such a special meeting of the Council, as well as of the Trade Policy Committee, is needed in order to coordinate and establish positions for the WTO Ministerial Conference.