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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
Subject:	Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the EEA Joint Committee established by the Agreement on the European Economic Area as regards the amendment of Chapter IIa and Annexes I and II of Protocol 10 to the EEA Agreement, on simplification of inspections and formalities in respect of carriage of goods - Decision to use the written procedure for adoption - Commission Statement

Statement by the Commission

The Commission considers that the Council Decision should be addressed to the Commission, and therefore considers the changes to Article 2 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.
