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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 Administrative Committee for the Customs Convention on the international transport of goods under cover of TIR Carnets as regards the proposal to amend the Convention
- Decision to use the written procedure for adoption

1. On 22 January 2021, the Commission submitted to the Council the above-mentioned Proposal¹, based on Article 218(9) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.
2. In the absence of a meeting of the Working Party on Customs Union due to the current travel restrictions, the delegates examined the Proposal in an informal setting and reached an agreement on the text as laid down in doc. ST 5855/21 on 8 February 2021.
3. Against this background, the Permanent Representatives Committee could:
 - confirm the agreement reached within the Working Party, and
 - decide - given the current exceptional situation - in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure and Article 1 of Council Decision 2020/430, that the Council use the written procedure for the adoption of the Decision as set out in documents ST 6130/21 and ST 6137/21 (texts revised by legal/linguistic experts).

¹ ST 5563/2021 + ADD 1