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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the General Council of the World Trade Organization as regards the adoption of a decision on the review of the Understanding on Tariff Rate Quota Administration Provisions of Agricultural Products - 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.