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agreement

1. The Commission submitted on 20 November 2007 a Recommendation from the Commission to the Council to authorise the Commission to open negotiations of a plurilateral anti-counterfeiting trade agreement.¹ A revised version of the Recommendation was submitted to the Council by the Commission on 29 February 2008.²

¹ Doc. 15486/07 PI 47 UD 116 MI 303 JUSTCIV 311 COPEN 165 DROIPEN 112
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2. The Recommendation was examined by the Article 133 Committee (Deputies) at several meetings. The Recommendation was also examined by the Working Party on Intellectual Property. Following the discussion at the meeting of the Article 133 Committee (Deputies) on 17 March 2008, all delegations could agree on the text on the basis of a compromise proposal by the Presidency.

3. It is therefore suggested that the Permanent Representatives Committee invite the Council, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, to:
 - authorise the Commission to negotiate a plurilateral Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement;
 - agree that, on matters falling within the competence of Member States, the Presidency, on behalf of the Member States, fully participate in the negotiations as specified in the attached negotiating directives;
 - appoint relevant committees to assist in this task;
 - issue the appended negotiating directives in Annex I, and,
 - decide to enter the Joint Statement in Annex II into its minutes.

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