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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 on the European Union request for an extension of the WTO waiver permitting autonomous trade preferences to the Western Balkans - Adoption

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1. On 12 May 2021, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for the above mentioned Council Decision (doc. 8779/21).
2. On 28 May 2021, the Trade Policy Committee (Deputies) endorsed the proposal, as modified to take into account some necessary adjustments.

3. In the light of the above, and subject to confirmation by the Permanent Representatives' Committee, the Council is invited to:

- adopt the Council Decision as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in document 8781/21;
- note that the European Parliament will be informed in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU, and that the Decision will be transmitted to the Parliament; and
- decide to enter in its minutes the statement contained in the addendum to this note.

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