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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject: Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on applying a generalised scheme of tariff preferences and repealing Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 (**first reading**)
- Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 22 September 2021 the Commission submitted its proposal¹, based on Article 207(1) TFEU, to the Council.
2. On 28 April 2026 the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal². The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council.
3. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to confirm its agreement and to suggest that the Council approve the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE-CONS 3/26, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with Greece, Spain and Italy voting against and Belgium and Portugal abstaining.

¹ 12184/21 + ADD 1 to 4.

² 8550/26.

4. The statements for the minutes of the Council meeting are set out in the Addenda to this note.
5. If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

After being signed by the Presidents of the European Parliament and of the Council, the legislative act will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.
