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From: General Secretariat of the Council

To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Swiss Confederation on the cumulation of origin between the European Union, the Swiss Confederation, Norway and Turkey in the framework of the generalised System of Preferences of the European Union

- Request by the Council for the consent of the European Parliament

1. On 11 November 2016, the Commission submitted to the Council the above proposal, which aims at revising the Agreement between the European Union and the Swiss Confederation on the cumulation of origin between the European Union, the Swiss Confederation, Norway and Turkey, following the reform in 2010 of the generalised System of Preferences of the European Union. The proposal is based on Art. 207(4) first subparagraph in conjunction with Art. 218(6)(a) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).
2. At its meeting on 23 November 2016, the Working Party on Customs Union reached an agreement on the text of the proposal.

3. On 20 February 2017, the Council adopted its Decision¹ on the signing of the above Agreement.
4. The Agreement was signed on 21 June 2017.
5. Under these circumstances and in accordance with Article 218(6) of the TFEU, the Council should decide on the transmission of the draft decision to the European Parliament in order to obtain its consent.
6. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to suggest to the Council to decide, in part "A" of the agenda of a forthcoming meeting, to forward the draft decision and the draft agreement as contained in documents 5882/17 UD 17 SPG 8 and 5803/17 UD 13 SPG 5 (texts finalised by the legal/linguistic experts) to the European Parliament for its consent.

¹ As laid down in docs. 5769/17 UD 12 SPG 4 and 5803/17 UD 13 SPG 5