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NOTE

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Subject: Council Conclusions on the Progress on the Strategy for the Evolution of
the Customs Union
- Adoption

I. INTRODUCTION

1. On 20 April 2012, the DK Presidency submitted to the Working Party on Customs Union draft Council conclusions on the Progress on the Strategy for the Evolution of the Customs Union, as set out in doc. 9040/12, and aiming notably at :
 - taking stock of the strategic objectives of the Customs Union and
 - inviting the Commission to reflect the points made by the Council in the work and to take measures together with Member States administrations on implementing the strategy.

II. STATE OF PLAY

2. The Working Party on Customs Union examined these draft conclusions at its meetings on 14 and 26 June 2012 and 25 September 2012 and reached agreement on a revised text prepared by the CY Presidency and set out in doc. 15363/12 UD 254 + COR 1.
3. This agreement was confirmed by the Permanent Representatives Committee at its meeting on 31 October 2012.

III. CONCLUSION

4. **The (Competitiveness) Council is invited to adopt at its meeting on 10 December 2012 the Conclusions on the Progress on the Strategy for the Evolution of the Customs Union, as laid down in doc. 15363/12 UD 254 + COR 1.**