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**NOTE**

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Subject: EU Customs Action Plan to combat Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) infringements for the years 2013 - 2017  
- Adoption of Council Resolution

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**I. INTRODUCTION**

1. On 16 and 20 November 2012, the Presidency submitted to delegations a draft EU Customs Action Plan to combat IPR infringements for the years 2013-2017 and a draft Council Resolution inviting Member States and the Commission to implement this Action Plan. The Action Plan is the successor of the 2009-2012 Action Plan and aims at:
  - Effectively implementing and monitoring the new EU legislation on customs enforcement of IPR;
  - Tackling trade of IPR infringing goods in post and parcels resulting from Internet sales as well as container trade;

- Tackling major trends in trade of IPR infringing goods;
- Strengthening cooperation with the European Observatory on infringements of IPRs and law enforcement authorities.

## II. STATE OF PLAY

2. The draft Action Plan and the draft Council Resolution were examined by the Working Party on Customs Union at its meetings on 19 and 28 November 2012 and agreed at the Customs Attachés meeting on 30 November 2012.
3. This agreement was confirmed by the Permanent Representatives Committee at its meeting on 4 December 2012.

## III. CONCLUSION

3. **The (Competitiveness) Council is invited to adopt at its meeting on 10 December 2012 the Resolution on the EU Customs Action Plan to combat IPR infringements for the years 2013 to 2017, as laid down in doc. 17311/12 UD 323.**

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