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Delegations will find attached a proposal from the Commission, submitted under a covering letter from Mr Jordi AYET PUIGARNAU, Director, to Mr Uwe CORSEPIUS, Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union.

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**JOINT DECLARATION**

The European Union (hereinafter referred to as the "EU") recalls the obligations of those states that have established a Customs Union with the EU to align their trade regime to the one of the EU, and for certain of them, to conclude preferential agreements with countries having preferential agreements with the EU.

In this context, the Parties note that Ukraine shall start negotiations with those states which

- (a) have established a Customs Union with the EU, and
- (b) whose products do not benefit from the tariff concessions under this Agreement,

with a view to concluding a bilateral agreement establishing a free trade area in accordance with Article XXIV of the GATT (thus covering substantially all trade). Ukraine shall start negotiations as soon as possible with a view to having the above-mentioned agreement entering into force as quickly as possible after the entry into force of this Agreement.