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from: General Secretariat
to: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject: Adoption of a Council Decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, in the EU-EFTA Joint Committee concerning the adoption of a Decision amending the Convention of 20 May 1987 on a common transit procedure resulting from the accession of Croatia to the Union

1. On 1 July 2013, the Commission submitted to the Council the above proposal, which aims at reorganising the linguistic references to Croatia in the relevant Annexes of Appendix III of the Convention and in particular by moving them from the EFTA countries part to the European Union part, and at establishing a transitional period during which the printed forms, with the corresponding geographical adaptations, could continue to be used.. The proposal is based on Art. 207(4) first subparagraph in conjunction with Art. 218(9) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).
2. At its meeting on 2 July 2013, the Working Party on Customs Union reached an agreement on an amended version of the draft Decision, as laid down in doc. 12170/13 UD 179.

3. The Permanent Representatives Committee could therefore:

- confirm the agreement reached within the Working Party; and
- invite the Council to adopt the Council Decision as set out in doc. 12173/13 UD 180 (text revised by the legal-linguistic experts), as an item without discussion at one of its forthcoming meetings.
