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Delegations will find attached the partially declassified version of the above-mentioned document.

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**ANNEX**

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1. Under cover of a letter dated 5 May 1999, the Commission submitted to the Council a recommendation designed to authorise the Commission to negotiate within the World Customs Organisation (WCO) to enable the Community to become a Member of that organisation (see 8107/99).
2. The Permanent Representatives Committee examined this matter at its meeting on 26 October 2000 and reached unanimous agreement on the principle of giving the Commission a mandate to negotiate the Community's accession to the WCO. It instructed the Working Party on Customs Union (Customs Legislation and Policy) to finalise draft negotiating directives.

3. The Working Party examined this matter a number of times and, at its meeting on 20 February 2001, reached agreement on the texts annexed to this note, although some delegations maintained scrutiny reservations. As those reservations have now been withdrawn <sup>1</sup>, Coreper is invited to propose that the Council, as an "A" item on the agenda for a forthcoming meeting:

- adopt the draft Decision, if necessary by a qualified majority <sup>1</sup>, together with the negotiating directives set out in Annex I to this note;
- agree to enter in its minutes the statements set out in Annex II.

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<sup>1</sup> There is still a Parliamentary scrutiny reservation by the Danish delegation.