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from:	General Secretariat
to:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Adoption of a Council Decision on the conclusion of the regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin

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1. On 23 April 2010, the Commission transmitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin<sup>1</sup>. The proposal aims at replacing the pan-Euro-Mediterranean system of cumulation of origin based on individual protocols applicable between two partner countries with a single legal instrument in the form of a regional convention on preferential rules of origin. It is based on Art. 207(4) first subparagraph in conjunction with Art. 218(6) (a) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.
2. At its meeting on 15 June 2010, the Working Party on Customs Union reached agreement on an amended text of this proposal.<sup>2</sup>
3. On 14 April 2011, the Council adopted its Decision on the signature of the above Convention.
4. The EU signed the regional Convention on 15 June 2011.

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<sup>1</sup> Doc. 8945/10.

<sup>2</sup> As laid down in doc. 10808/10 UD 180 + COR 1

5. On 19 July 2011, the Council decided to submit this draft Decision and the regional Convention to the European Parliament for its consent<sup>3</sup>.
  6. On 16 February 2012, the European Parliament gave its consent.
  7. 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 document 7317/12 UD 60 COWEB 32 and 9429/10 UD 126 COWEB 326 + COR 3 (text revised by the legal-linguistic experts) as an item without discussion at one of its forthcoming meetings.
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<sup>3</sup> 11209/1/10 REV 1 UD 194 COWEB 328