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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

from: Working Party on Customs Union

on: 7 November 2012

Subject: Implementation of the Customs Union and relations with third countries and international organisations in customs matters

- Item 5: WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control: draft protocol to eliminate illicit trade in tobacco products, Fifth session of the Conference of the Parties, Seoul, 12 November 2012**
- **Presentation by the Commission services**

The Working Party heard a presentation by the Commission services of the state of play, in view of the above meeting of the Conference of the Parties and took note of delegations' comments.

Answering to a question by one delegation, the Commission services confirmed that, in case an EU statement would be delivered, it would explicitly refer to the EU and its Member States.

The Chair concluded that the coordinated position of the EU was to support the adoption of the Protocol as laid down in doc. FCTC/COP/5/6 and to oppose any possible attempt by other Parties to re-open the negotiations. The Chair informed delegations that the above meeting would be debriefed at a forthcoming meeting of the Working Party.