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From:	Presidency
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Draft COUNCIL DECISION establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the General Council of the World Trade Organization on the European Union request for an extension of the WTO waiver relating to the autonomous preferential regime for the Western Balkans - Adoption

1. On 29 April 2016, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the General Council of the World Trade Organization on the European Union request for an extension of the WTO waiver relating to the autonomous preferential regime for the Western Balkans (doc. 8640/16).
2. At its meeting on 20 May 2016, the Trade Policy Committee (Deputies) examined and endorsed the above-mentioned Commission proposal.

3. The Permanent Representatives' Committee is therefore invited to recommend that the Council adopts, as an "A" item on the agenda of one of its forthcoming meetings, the draft Decision, as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in document 8683/16 WTO 124 COWEB 39 AGRI 241 UD 97 TDC 2.
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