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To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Adoption of a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and New Zealand on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters

1. On 21 January 2016, the Commission submitted to the Council the above proposal, based on Article 207(4), 1st subparagraph, in conjunction with Article 218(5), of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.
2. At its meeting on 16 February 2016, the Working Party on Customs Union agreed on the text of the draft Decision.
3. Against this background, the Permanent Representatives Committee could:
 - confirm the agreement reached within the Working Party and
 - invite the Council to adopt the draft Decision as set out in doc. 7661/16 UD 75 (text revised by the legal/linguistic experts) as an item without discussion at one of its forthcoming meetings.