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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
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 United States' request for a WTO waiver to permit the US to provide preferential treatment to eligible products originating in Nepal - Adoption

1. On 22 September 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 United States' request for a WTO waiver to permit the US to provide preferential treatment to eligible products originating in Nepal.
2. At its meeting on 30 September 2016, the Trade Policy Committee (Deputies) 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 proposed Decision, as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in document 12560/16 WTO 265 COASI 200 USA 55.