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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)/Council
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Subject:	Adoption of a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 1388/2013 opening and providing for the management of autonomous tariff quotas of the Union for certain agricultural and industrial products

1. On 23 November 2016, the Working Party on Customs Union examined the proposal, based on Article 31 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, under the form of an advanced copy transmitted by the Commission services¹, and agreed on a revised version of the text, as laid down in doc. 14596/16 + ADD 1².
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 Regulation as set out in doc. 14842/16 UD 249 (text revised by legal/linguistic experts) as an item without discussion at one of its forthcoming meetings.

¹ Doc. DS 1523/16 + ADD 1. The official Proposal as laid down in doc. 14596/16 + ADD 1, which was subsequently transmitted on 9 December 2016, incorporates the amendments which were agreed by the Working Party at its meeting on 23 November 2016.

² At that stage, UK and DK maintain a parliamentary scrutiny reservation. It is understood that these reservations will be lifted before the adoption of the Regulation by the Council.