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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject:	Adoption of a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Swiss Confederation on the cumulation of origin between the European Union, the Swiss Confederation, Norway and Turkey in the framework of the Generalised System of Preferences of the European Union

1. On 21 October 2016, the Commission submitted to the Council the above proposal, based on Article 207(4), 1st sub-paragraph, in conjunction with Article 218(5) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.
2. At its meeting on 23 November 2016, the Working Party on Customs Union agreed on the text of the draft Decision¹.
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. 5769/17 UD 12 SPG 4 (text revised by the legal/linguistic experts) as an item without discussion at one of its forthcoming meetings.

¹ The Agreement is laid down in doc. 5803/17 UD 13 SPG 5