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From:	Working Party on European Free Trade Association (EFTA)
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council
Subject:	Draft COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, in the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Annex XX (Environment) to the EEA Agreement (CO2 Emissions) = Adoption

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1. On 17 December 2015, the Commission submitted the abovementioned proposal to the Council. In January 2016, after a first exchange in the Working Party on European Free Trade Association (EFTA), the proposal was put on hold because certain amendments needed to be made in the draft Decision of the EEA Joint Committee annexed to the proposal. On 17 February 2017, a revised proposal was transmitted to the Council by the services of the Commission.
2. At its meeting of 7 March 2017, the Working Party on European Free Trade Association (EFTA) agreed on the substance of the proposal.
3. Against this backdrop, COREPER/the Council is invited to adopt the draft COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Annex XX (Environment) to the EEA Agreement (CO2 Emissions), as set out in document 6731/17, prepared by the lawyer-linguists.