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**Council Conclusions on Customs Cooperation with the People's Republic of China**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

HAVING REGARD TO:

- the Agreement between the European Union and the Government of the People's Republic of China on Cooperation and Mutual Administrative Assistance in Customs Matters ('the CCMAA');

- the close customs cooperation developed by the EU and China since the entry into force of the CCMAA on 1 April 2005, focusing on enhancing customs controls in order to stop the traffic in illicit goods and other illegal trade activities in order to protect the security, safety and health of our citizens, increase the competitiveness of our industry and defend the financial interests of the EU whilst at the same time ensuring the smooth flow of legitimate trade;
- the positive experiences from the implementation of the EU-China Strategic Frameworks for Customs Cooperation 2010 – 2013 and 2014 – 2017, which have given more structure and coherence to this cooperation;

EMPHASISES that enhancing customs cooperation between the EU and China, important trading partner and each other's largest source of imports, is a priority for the EU;

STRESSES the need to continuing to develop EU-China cooperation in the field of customs in a structured and coherent manner;

ENDORSES the EU-China Strategic Framework for Customs Cooperation 2018 – 2020, laid down in document 9548/17 UD 129;

INVITES the Commission, in close co-operation with Member States, to ensure the endorsement of the Strategic Framework by the EU-China Joint Customs Cooperation Committee as well as its practical follow-up.

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