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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)/Council
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Subject:	Draft Council Decision on the Union position to be taken in the European Union/Switzerland GNSS Committee established by the Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Swiss Confederation, of the other, on the European Satellite Navigation Programmes - Adoption

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1. On 13 October 2016, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the Union position to be taken in the European Union/Switzerland GNSS Committee established by the Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Swiss Confederation, of the other, on the European Satellite Navigation Programmes.

2. The establishment of a European Union/Switzerland GNSS Committee ("Joint Committee") is provided for in Article 20 of the Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Swiss Confederation, of the other, on the European Satellite Navigation Programmes<sup>1</sup>. The Cooperation Agreement was signed on 18 December 2013 and is provisionally applied since 1 January 2014.
3. Furthermore, Article 20(2) of the Cooperation Agreement provides that the Joint Committee has to adopt its rules of procedure, which include, *inter alia*, provisions concerning the convening of meetings, the appointment of the Chair and his/her term of office.
4. The Working Party on Transport Intermodal Questions and Networks examined the draft Council Decision<sup>2</sup> and its annex<sup>3</sup> on two occasions and reached agreement on them at its meeting of 15 December 2016 with one additional change requested at that meeting.
5. The texts, as agreed upon at the Working Party, have been prepared by the Council's legal-linguistic service<sup>4</sup>.
6. Consequently, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to confirm the Working Party's agreement and to suggest to Council to adopt the Council Decision together with its annex as set out in documents 5448/17 (Council Decision) and 5450/17 (Annex) as a "I/A" item at one of its forthcoming sessions.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 15, 20.1.2014, p.3.

<sup>2</sup> Doc. 13294/16.

<sup>3</sup> Docs. 13294/16 ADD 1 and 15376/16

<sup>4</sup> Doc. 5448/17 (Council Decision).

Doc. 5450/17 (Annex).