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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and New Zealand on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters
- Request for the consent of the European Parliament

1. On 21 January 2016, the Commission submitted to the Council a Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and New Zealand on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters. The Proposal is based on Article 207 in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.
2. At its meeting on 27 January 2016, the Working Party on Customs Union reached an agreement on the text of the proposal.
3. On 10 October 2016, the Council adopted its Decision¹ on the signing of the above Agreement.

¹ As laid down in doc. 7661/16 UD 75

4. The Agreement was signed on 3 July 2017.
 5. Under these circumstances and in accordance with Article 218(6) of the TFEU, the Council should decide on the transmission of the draft decision to the European Parliament in order to obtain its consent.
 6. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to suggest to the Council to decide, in part "A" of the agenda of a forthcoming meeting, to forward the draft decision and the draft agreement as contained in documents 7712/16 UD 79 and 7682/1/16 REV 1 UD 77 (in all languages except EN, EL, FI, GA, IT); REV 2 in LT (texts finalised by the legal/linguistic experts) to the European Parliament for its consent.
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