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Customs Union
- Statement by the Commission

**Statement by the Commission on the draft Council Conclusions on the Governance Reform of
the Customs Union**

The Commission regrets that the Council invites the Commission to endorse and the Customs Policy Group to implement the terms of reference for the Customs Policy Group, as this constitutes a breach of the Commission's prerogatives under the Treaties. It is indeed the Commission's competence to set up expert groups to provide advice to it and to lay down their remit, their working methods and rules of procedure
