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Subject: Conclusion of the written procedure regarding the COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) No .../..of 22.7.2014 amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council applying a scheme of generalised tariff preferences, and repealing Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 154/2013
- *Intention not to raise objections to delegated act*

1. On 22 July 2014, the Commission submitted the above draft delegated Regulation (doc. 12146/14 SPG 3 WTO 214 DELECT 132) to the Council, in accordance with the procedure set out in Article 290 TFEU and with Articles 5(3) and 10(5) of the European Parliament and Council Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 of 25 October 2012 applying a scheme of generalised tariff preferences¹, which empowers the Commission to adopt delegated acts to amend Annexes II and III of that Regulation.

¹ OJ L 303, 31.10.2012, p. 1.

2. As the Commission notified the delegated act with regard to amending Annex II and III of Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 applying a scheme of generalised tariff preferences, and repealing Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 154/2013 on 22 July 2014, the Council may object to that delegated act within a period of two months.
3. Pursuant to Article 12 of the Council's Rules of Procedure², a written procedure for expressing the Council's intention not to object to the delegated act was launched on 29 July 2014 (see CM 3772/14). This written procedure was completed on Wednesday, 10 September 2014 (noon).
4. The Commission and all delegations agreed to the use of the written procedure. No objections were raised by delegations to the draft delegated Regulation.
5. It is therefore suggested to record the lack of a qualified majority supporting an objection to the delegated act and that the Commission and the European Parliament are to be informed thereof.

This implies that, unless the European Parliament objects to it, the delegated act shall be published and enter into force in accordance with Articles 5(3) and 10(5) of the European Parliament and Council Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 of 25 October 2012 applying a scheme of generalised tariff preferences.

² OJ L 325, 11.12.2009, p. 35., Corrigendum, OJ L 55, 5.3.2010, p. 83.