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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council
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Subject:	Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No .../.. of 19.8.2014 amending Annex III to Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council applying a scheme of generalised tariff preferences - Intention not to raise objections to Commission Delegated Act adding to the list of beneficiary countries of the GSP+ the following country: the Philippines

1. The Commission has submitted the above delegated act¹ to the Council in accordance with the procedure set out in Article 290 TFEU and with Article 10(4) of the European Parliament and Council Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 of 25 October 2012 applying a scheme of generalised tariff preferences², empowering the Commission to adopt delegated acts to amend its Annex III (which contains a list of beneficiary countries of the GSP+ special incentive arrangement for sustainable development and good governance). As the Commission notified the delegated act with regard to amending Annex III of Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 applying a scheme of generalised tariff preferences on 19 August 2014, the Council may object to that delegated act within a period of two months.

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2 OJ L 303, 31.10.2012, p. 1.

2. Within the framework of the GSP Working Party, no objections were raised by delegations by the deadline of Thursday, 2 October 2014.

 3. 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 Article 10(4) of the European Parliament and Council Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 of 25 October 2012 applying a scheme of generalised tariff preferences.
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