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Subject: Council Conclusions concerning the Court of Auditors' Special Report No 2/2014: Are preferential trade arrangements appropriately managed?
- Adoption

I. INTRODUCTION

1. On 23 May 2014, the General Secretariat of the Council received from the Court of Auditors the Special Report No 2/2014¹ entitled : "Are preferential trade arrangements appropriately managed?"²

¹ Pursuant to Article 287(4), second subparagraph, TFEU

² Doc. 12886/14 FIN 598 UD 200 SPG 5

2. At its meetings on 29 October and 5 November 2014, the Working Party on Customs Union (Customs Legislation and Policy) examined the Report in accordance with the provisions laid down in the Council conclusions on the procedure for examining Special Reports drawn up by the Court of Auditors³. At the close of its proceedings, the Working Party agreed on the text set out in the Annex to doc. 13205/2/14 REV 2 UD 210 WTO 263.
3. Under these circumstances, the Permanent Representatives Committee could:
- confirm the agreement reached within the Working Party; and
 - invite the Council to adopt the draft conclusions as set out in the Annex to doc. 13205/2/14 REV 2 UD 210 WTO 263, as an item without discussion at one of its forthcoming meetings.
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³ Doc. 7515/00 FIN 127 + COR 1