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I. INTRODUCTION

1. On 21 August 2014, the European Commission transmitted to the Council a Communication on the EU Strategy and Action Plan for customs risk management: Tackling risks, strengthening supply chain security and facilitating trade¹. This Communication was presented to the Customs Union Working Party at its meeting on 23 September 2014.

¹ Doc. 12644/14 + ADD 1

2. Following this presentation, the Presidency prepared draft Council Conclusions on the EU Strategy and Action Plan on customs risk management: Tackling risks, strengthening supply chain security and facilitating trade, which were transmitted to delegations on 24 October 2014.²

3. At its meetings on 29 October and 5 November 2014, the Customs Union Working Party examined the above draft Conclusions and reached an understanding on the text set out in doc. 15403/14, including a preliminary agreement on the following issues:
 - a reference to the conclusions of the cost-benefit study commissioned to support the implementation of the Strategy and to enhance effective customs risk management in the EU should be introduced under "RECALLING";
 - the concept of supervision should be added to the one of control in relation to the risks management Strategy;
 - the roadmap for the implementation of the Strategy and the Action Plan should be realistic and detailed;
 - the Commission should report to the Council within a 18 months time frame on the implementation of the Strategy and the Action Plan and on the results achieved.

4. The Permanent Representatives Committee, at its meeting on 19-21 November 2014, endorsed the agreement reached by the Working Party.

² Doc. 14703/14 UD 233 + REV 1 + REV 2 + REV 3

II. STATE OF PLAY

5. All reservations on these draft Council Conclusions have been lifted.

III. CONCLUSION

The Council is invited to adopt the draft Conclusions as laid down in doc. 15403/14.
