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Subject: Council Decision on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Committee established by the Agreement between the European Coal and Steel Community and the Republic of Turkey on trade in products covered by the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, as regards the replacement of Protocol 1 to that Agreement, concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation, by a new protocol which, as regards the rules of origin, refers to the Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin

1. On 29 January 2015, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for the Council Decision in subject.
2. At the meeting of the Working Party on Enlargement and Countries Negotiating Accession to the EU on 10 February 2015, the Working Party agreed to the draft Council Decision, subject to legal-linguistic revision.

3. Consequently, and subject to confirmation by Coreper, it is suggested that the Council, at one of its upcoming meetings, adopts, as an "A" item on its agenda, the Council Decision on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Committee established by the Agreement between the European Coal and Steel Community and the Republic of Turkey on trade in products covered by the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, as regards the replacement of Protocol 1 to that Agreement, concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation, by a new protocol which, as regards the rules of origin, refers to the Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin, as set out in doc. 6986/15 NT 7 UD 38 after finalisation by the lawyer-linguists.
