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To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)/Council

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Subject: Adoption of a Regulation of the Council on the suspension of customs duties applicable to imports of certain heavy oils and other similar products

1. On 2 February 2015, the Commission submitted to the Council the above proposal, based on Article 31 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and aiming at the suspension of the autonomous common customs tariff duties on certain goods (heavy oils).
2. The Working Party on Customs Union examined the proposal at its meetings on 11 and 25 February 2015 and agreed on the Presidency compromise text as laid down in doc. 7112/15.
3. Against this background, the Permanent Representatives Committee could:
 - confirm the agreement reached within the Working Party and
 - invite the Council to adopt the draft Regulation as set out in doc. 7505/15 UD 52 (text revised by legal/linguistic experts) as an item without discussion at one of its forthcoming meetings.