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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: Adoption of a Council Decision on the position to be taken by the European Union concerning the adoption of a Decision by the EU-EFTA Joint Committee on the simplification of formalities in trade in goods and a Decision by the EU-EFTA Joint Committee on common transit as regards invitations to the Republic of Serbia to accede to the Convention on the simplification of formalities in trade in goods and the Convention on a common transit procedure

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1. On 3 September 2015, the Commission submitted to the Council the above proposal, based on Article 207(4), 1st subparagraph, in conjunction with Article 218(9), of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.
2. The Working Party on Customs Union examined the proposal at its meeting on 8 September 2015, and, with the UK delegation abstaining, agreed on the text of the draft Decision, as laid down in doc. 11709/15 UD 170 + ADD 1.

3. Against this background, the Permanent Representatives Committee could:

- confirm the agreement reached within the Working Party and
  - invite the Council to adopt, with the UK delegation abstaining, the draft Regulation as set out in doc. 11882/15 UD 178 (text revised by legal/linguistic experts) as an item without discussion at one of its forthcoming meetings.
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