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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft Council Conclusions Concerning the Court of Auditors' Special Report No 19/2017 on Import Procedures: Shortcomings in the Legal Framework and an Ineffective Implementation Impact the Financial Interests of the EU - Adoption

1. At its meeting on 15 March 2018, the Working Party on Customs Union agreed on the text of draft Council Conclusions Concerning the Court of Auditors' Special Report No 19/2017 on Import Procedures: Shortcomings in the Legal Framework and an Ineffective Implementation Impact the Financial Interests of the EU, as laid down in doc. 7474/18 UD 65 FIN 257.
2. At this occasion, the Austrian, Danish, Finnish, and Swedish Delegations requested to enter the following statement in the Council's minutes:

"Regarding the eighth bullet point, which reads “ STRESSES that the issue of budgetary resources for customs services will need to be addressed in the context of future EU financial programmes”, Austria, Denmark, Finland, and Sweden emphasise that this cannot prejudice negotiations on the next Multiannual Financial Framework.”

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

- confirm the agreement reached within the Working Party; and
 - invite the Council to adopt the Council Conclusions, as set out in doc. 7474/18 UD 65 FIN 257, as an item without discussion at one of its forthcoming meetings.
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