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

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Subject: Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and New Zealand on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters
- Adoption

1. On 21 January 2016, the Commission submitted to the Council a Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and New Zealand on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters. The Proposal is based on Article 207 in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.
2. At its meeting on 27 January 2016, the Working Party on Customs Union reached an agreement on the text of the proposal.
3. On 10 October 2016, the Council adopted its Decision¹ on the signing of the above Agreement.
4. The Agreement was signed on 3 July 2017.

¹ As laid down in doc. ST 7661/16 UD 75

5. On 17 July 2017, The Council adopted the request for the consent of the European Parliament to conclude the Agreement between the European Union and New Zealand on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters.²
6. On 13 March 2018, the European Parliament voted in favour of the Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and New Zealand on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters.³
7. Against this background, the Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to suggest to the Council to adopt, in part "A" of the agenda of a forthcoming meeting, the Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and New Zealand on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters, as contained in documents 7712/16 UD 79 and 7682/16⁴ UD 77 (texts finalised by the legal/linguistic experts).⁵

² As laid down in doc. ST 7712/16 UD 79

³ As laid down in EP document P8_TA-PROV (2018) 0062

⁴ + REV 1 in all languages except EN, EL, FI, GA, IT; + REV 2 in LT

⁵ **In accordance with Article 218 (6) of the TFEU, the European Parliament will be informed of the Council Decision on the conclusion, and, once adopted, the documents will be transmitted to Parliament.**