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Subject: Draft Council Decision on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Committee set up by the Convention of 20 May 1987 on the simplification of formalities in trade in goods as regard the proposals for amendments to that Convention
- Adoption

1. On 20 October 2017, 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 agreed on the text of the draft Decision at its meeting on 24 October 2017¹.
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 Decision as set out in doc. 13646/17 UD 244 CID 8 TRANS 431 (text revised by legal/linguistic experts) as an item without discussion at one of its forthcoming meetings.

¹ DK and UK maintain scrutiny reservations at this stage. It is understood that these reservations will be lifted before the adoption of the Decision by the Council.