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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Draft COUNCIL REGULATION amending Regulation (EU) No 1388/2013 opening and providing for the management of autonomous tariff quotas of the Union for certain agricultural and industrial products - Adoption

1. On 30 May 2018, the Working Party on Customs Union examined the above draft Regulation, based on Article 31 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and agreed on the text, as laid down in ST 8739/18 + ADD 1.
2. Against this background, the Permanent Representatives Committee could:
 - confirm the agreement reached by the Working Party¹, and
 - invite the Council to adopt the draft Regulation as set out in doc. ST 9604/18 UD 115 (text revised by the legal/linguistic experts) as an item without discussion at one of its forthcoming meetings.

¹ At that stage, the French, Finnish, and Danish delegations maintain scrutiny reservations. It is understood that these reservations will be lifted before the adoption of the Regulation by the Council.