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

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Subject: Council Decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, in the CETA Joint Committee established by the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between Canada, of the one part, and the European Union and its Member States, of the other part, as regards the adoption of the Rules of Procedure for the CETA Joint Committee and specialised committees
- Adoption

- 1 On 25 May 2018, the Commission submitted to the Council the above mentioned proposal.
- 2 The proposal for a Council Decision was examined by the Trade Policy Committee (Deputies) at its meetings on 8 June and 6 July 2018, and modified on the basis of a Presidency compromise proposal to take into account a number of necessary adjustments.
- 3 The Council Decision was endorsed by the Trade Policy Committee (Deputies) at its meeting on 6 July.

4. The Permanent Representatives' Committee is therefore invited to recommend that the Council, as an "A" item on the agenda of one of its forthcoming meetings:
- adopt the Council Decision as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in document 9375/18 + ADD 1;
 - decide to order the publication in the Official Journal of the European Union of the Decision of the CETA Joint Committee as set out in document 9375/18 ADD 1, once adopted;
 - agree to enter in its minutes the statement by the Council and the Member States, as set out in the ANNEX to this note;
 - note that the European Parliament will be informed in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU, and the Decision will be transmitted to the Parliament.
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**Statement by the Council and the Member States regarding decisions of the
CETA Joint Committee**

The Council and the Member States recall that where a decision of the CETA Joint Committee falls within the competence of the Member States the position to be taken by the Union and its Member States within the CETA Joint Committee shall be adopted by common accord.
