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on behalf of the European Union in the EU-CTC Joint Committee
established by the Convention of 20 May 1987 on the simplification of
formalities in trade in goods and in the EU-CTC Joint Committee
established by the Convention of 20 May 1987 on a common transit
procedure as regards an invitation to the United Kingdom to accede to
those Conventions

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Proposal for a Decision No .../2018 of the Joint Committee set up by the Convention of 20 May 1987 on the simplification of formalities in trade in goods of ...2018

as regards an invitation to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to accede to that Convention

THE JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Convention of 20 May 1987 on the simplification of formalities in trade in goods¹ ("the Convention"), and in particular Article 11(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland ("the United Kingdom") has expressed its wish to accede to the Convention as a separate Contracting Party from the date the Convention no longer applies to and in the United Kingdom.

(2) The exchange of goods with the United Kingdom would be facilitated by a simplification of formalities which affect the trade between the United Kingdom and the European Union, the Republic of Iceland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the Kingdom of Norway, the Republic of Serbia, the Swiss Confederation and the Republic of Turkey.

(3) With a view to achieving such facilitation, it is appropriate to invite the United Kingdom to accede to the Convention,

(4) The accession of the United Kingdom to the Convention should be effective only from the date the United Kingdom is no longer covered by the Convention as a Member State of the European Union or, should the European Union and the United Kingdom agree on transitional arrangements whereby the Convention would apply to and in the United Kingdom, as from the date these transitional arrangements cease to apply.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The United Kingdom shall be invited to accede to the Convention in accordance with Article 11a of the Convention as from the date when it is no longer a Member State of the European Union or from the date any transitional arrangement between the European Union and the United Kingdom whereby the Convention would apply to and in the United Kingdom cease to apply.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels,

¹ OJ L 134, 22.5.1987, p. 2

For the Joint Committee
The President
Philip Kermode

**Proposal for a Decision No .../2018 of the Joint Committee set up by the Convention of
20 May 1987 on a common transit procedure**

of ...2018

**as regards an invitation to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
to accede to that Convention**

THE JOINT COMMITTEE

Having regard to the Convention of 20 May 1987 on a common transit procedure² ("the Convention"), and in particular Article 15(3)(e) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland ("the United Kingdom") has expressed its wish to accede to the Convention as a separate Contracting Party from the date the Convention no longer applies to and in the United Kingdom.

(2) The movement of goods with the United Kingdom would be facilitated by a common transit procedure for goods transported between the United Kingdom and the European Union, the Republic of Iceland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the Kingdom of Norway, the Republic of Serbia, the Swiss Confederation and the Republic of Turkey.

(3) With a view to achieving such facilitation, it is appropriate to invite the United Kingdom to accede to the Convention.

(4) The accession of the United Kingdom to the Convention should be effective only from the date the United Kingdom is no longer covered by the Convention as a Member State of the European Union or, should the European Union and the United Kingdom agree on transitional arrangements whereby the Convention would apply to and in the United Kingdom, as from the date these transitional arrangements cease to apply.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The United Kingdom shall be invited to accede to the Convention in accordance with Article 15a of the Convention as from the date when it is no longer a Member State of the European Union or from the date any transitional arrangement between the European Union and the United Kingdom whereby the Convention would apply to and in the United Kingdom cease to apply.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels,

² OJ L 226, 13.8.1987, p. 2

For the Joint Committee
The President
Philip Kermode