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

Subject: World Health Organization - Framework Convention on Tobacco Control -
Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco
Products, First Session, Geneva, 8-10 October 2018
- Decision to use written procedure for the establishment of EU position

1. On 24 September 2018, the Commission submitted to the Council its proposal which aims at establishing a coordinated position on the First Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol to eliminate the illicit trade in tobacco products (doc. 11604/18).
2. At its meeting on 25 September 2018, the Working Party on Customs Union (Attachés) reached an agreement on an amended version.
3. The First Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol will take place in Geneva between 8 - 10 October 2018.

4. In view of the importance for the Union to present a coordinated position and in view of the urgency, the Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to:

- confirm the agreement reached within the Working Party as set out in document 12403/18 UD 214 SAN 284 COPEN 312 DROIPEN 135 ENFOCUSTOM 190; and
 - decide to use of the written procedure for its formal agreement by the Council.
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