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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
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Subject:	Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 to prolong the transitional use of means other than the electronic data-processing techniques provided for in the Union Customs Code (Art. 278) - Mandate to start negotiations with the European Parliament

1. On 2 March 2018, the Commission submitted to the Council and the European Parliament a Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No. 952/2013 to prolong the transitional use of means other than the electronic data-processing techniques provided for in the Union Customs Code (Art. 278).
2. The Working Party on Customs Union examined this proposal at various meetings in 2018 and at the Working Party meeting on 16 October 2018 agreed on a compromise text, as laid down in doc. ST 13501/18 UD 247¹.
3. Against this background, the Committee is invited to provide the Presidency with a mandate to enter into informal negotiations with the Parliament, on the basis of the positions set out in doc. ST 13501/18 UD 247.

¹ At the time of writing, DE, NL, and PT have confirmed their intention to vote against.