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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
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Subject:	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the apportionment of tariff rate quotas included in the WTO schedule of the Union following the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union and amending Council Regulation (EC) No 32/2000 - Confirmation of the final compromise text with a view to agreement - Statements by the Commission

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#### Statements by the Commission

1. "The Commission fully adheres to the principles of Better Regulation and to the commitments laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-Making. It will therefore endeavour to put forward a legislative proposal to the Council and to the European Parliament at the earliest opportunity, with a view to aligning Regulation (EC) No 32/2000 to the legal framework introduced by the Lisbon Treaty."

2. “The Commission notes that the co-legislators have inserted in the chapeau of Article 3 of this Regulation a wording requiring the Commission, when adopting delegated acts in order to take into account international agreements concluded by the Union under Article XXVIII of the GATT, to ensure consistency with certain conditions relating to the content of the agreement. The Commission considers that the insertion of such conditions in the present Regulation does not limit the power of the Commission to recommend and negotiate agreements under Articles 207 and 218 of TFEU. The Commission reserves its right to propose amendments to this Regulation, as appropriate to take into account the final international agreements to be concluded.

However, in view of the extreme urgency of adopting this Regulation as part of its Brexit preparedness policy, the Commission would not stand in the way of its adoption. The Commission underlines that this should not be regarded as a precedent."

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