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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council
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Subject:	Council Decision establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the General Council of the World Trade Organization on the adoption of a decision to extend a WTO waiver permitting developing country Members to provide preferential tariff treatment to products of least developed countries - Adoption

1. On 11 September 2019, the Commission submitted to the Council the above-mentioned proposal (doc. 12119/19).
2. The proposal was examined by the Trade Policy Committee (Deputies) at its meeting on 20 September 2019, and endorsed, as modified to take into account a number of necessary adjustments.

3. In the light of the above, and subject to confirmation by the Permanent Representatives' Committee¹, the Council is invited to:
- adopt the Council Decision as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in document 12121/19;
 - note that the European Parliament will be informed in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU, and that the Decision will be transmitted to the Parliament.
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¹ At the meeting of the Permanent Representatives' Committee on 2 October 2019, the United Kingdom indicated its intention to abstain.