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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)

Subject: Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the Joint Customs Cooperation Committee established under the Agreement between the European Union and New Zealand on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters as regards the adoption of the internal rules of procedure of the Joint Customs Cooperation Committee
- Decision to use the written procedure for adoption

1. On 14 February 2020, the Commission submitted to the Council the above-mentioned Proposal, based on Article 218(9) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.
2. The Working Party on Customs Union examined the Proposal and on 13 March 2020 reached an agreement on the text.
3. Against this background, the Permanent Representatives Committee could:
 - confirm the agreement reached within the Working Party, and
 - decide - given the current exceptional situation - in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure and Article 1 of Council Decision 2020/430, that the Council use the written procedure for the adoption of the Decision as set out in documents ST 6882/20 and ST 6932/20 (texts revised by legal/linguistic experts).