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### 'I' ITEM NOTE

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

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Subject: Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the 66th session of the Harmonized System Committee of the World Customs Organization in relation to the envisaged adoption of Classification Opinions, classification decisions, amendments to the Harmonized System Explanatory Notes or other advice on the interpretation of the Harmonized System and recommendations to secure uniformity in the interpretation of the Harmonized System under the Harmonized System Convention  
- Decision to use the written procedure for adoption

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1. On 21 August 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. In the absence of a meeting of the Working Party on Customs Union due to the current travel restrictions, the delegates examined the Proposal in an informal setting and reached an agreement on the text on 10 September 2020.
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 10706/20 and ST 10711/20 (texts revised by legal/linguistic experts).