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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject:	Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the EU-Canada Joint Customs Cooperation Committee as regards the adoption of the decision concerning the mutual recognition of the Partners in Protection Programme of Canada and the Authorised Economic Operators Programme of the European Union - Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption

1. On 23 October 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 as laid down in doc. ST 12922/20 on 17 November 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 13012/20 and ST 13014/20 (texts revised by legal/linguistic experts).