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'I' ITEM NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
Subject:	Proposals for Council Decisions on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Association Councils of the bilateral agreements as regards the amendments of the Protocols concerning the implementation of the revised rules of the PEM Convention
	- Decision to use the written procedure for adoption

1. On 24 and 25 August 2020, the <u>Commission</u> submitted the following proposals for Council Decisions on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Association Councils of the bilateral agreement as regards the amendments of the Protocols concerning the implementation of the revised rules of the PEM Convention:

Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Stabilisation and Association Council established by the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Albania , of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol 4 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept	10259/20 + ADD 1
of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Stabilisation and Association Council established by the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Bosnia and Herzegovina, of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol 2 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	10260/20 + ADD 1
Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Committee established by the EEA Agreement, as regards the amendment of Protocol 4 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	10295/20 + ADD 1

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Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Association Council established by the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Arab Republic of Egypt , of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol 4 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	10394/20 + ADD 1
Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Committee established by the Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Government of the Faroe Islands, of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol 3 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	10255/20 + ADD 1
Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Customs Sub-Committee established by Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia , of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol I to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	10263/20 + ADD 1
Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Committee established by the Agreement between the European Economic Community, of the one part, and the Republic of Iceland , of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol 3 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	10290/20 + ADD 1
Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Association Council established by the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the State of Israel, of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol 4 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	10397/20 + ADD 1
Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Association Council established by the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol 3 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	10402/20 + ADD 1
Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Stabilisation and Association Council established by the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and Kosovo* of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol III to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	10300/20 + ADD 1

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Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Association Council established by the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Lebanon , of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol 4 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	10481/20 + ADD 1
Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Stabilisation and Association Council established by the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol 4 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	10395/20 + ADD 1
Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Customs Sub-Committee established by the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova, of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol II to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	10262/20 + ADD 1
Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Stabilisation and Association Council established by the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Montenegro , of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol 3 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	10276/20 + ADD 1
Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Committee established by the Agreement between the European Economic Community, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Norway , of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol 3 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	10279/20 + ADD 1
Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Committee established by the Euro-Mediterranean Interim Agreement on trade and cooperation between the European Community, of the one part, and the Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO) for the benefit of the Palestinian Authority of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol 3 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	10404/20 + ADD 1
Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Stabilisation and Association Council established by the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Serbia , of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol 3 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	10246/20 + ADD 1

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Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the	
European Union within the Joint Committee established by the Agreement between	10243/20 +
the European Economic Community, of the one part, and the Swiss Confederation, or	
the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol 3 to that Agreement concerning	g ADD 1
the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative	
cooperation	
Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the	
European Union within the EU-Turkey Association Council as regards the amendment	10253/20 +
of Protocol 3 to Decision No 1/98 of the EC-Turkey Association Council on the trade	ADD 1
regime for agricultural products, concerning the definition of the concept of	ADD I
'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	
Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the	
European Union within the Joint Committee established by the Agreement between	10252/20 +
the European Coal and Steel Community and the Republic of Turkey on trade in	10232/20
products covered by the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community	ADD 1
as regards the amendment of Protocol 1 to that Agreement concerning the definition	
of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	
Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the	
European Union within the Customs Sub-Committee established by the Association	10261/20
Agreement between the European Union and their Member States, of the one part,	10201/20
and Ukraine , of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol I to that	+ADD 1
Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and	
methods of administrative cooperation	

2. In the absence of a meeting of the <u>Working Party on Customs Union</u> due to the current travel restrictions, the delegates examined the Proposals in an informal setting and on 27 October 2020 reached an agreement on the texts of the proposals as laid down in the following documents:

Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Stabilisation and Association Council established by the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Albania , of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol 4 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	11509/20
Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Stabilisation and Association Council established by the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Bosnia and Herzegovina , of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol 2 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	11515/20

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Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Committee established by the EEA Agreement, as regards the amendment of Protocol 4 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	11530/20
Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Association Council established by the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Arab Republic of Egypt , of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol 4 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	11543/20
Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Committee established by the Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Government of the Faroe Islands , of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol 3 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	11547/20
Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Customs Sub-Committee established by Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia , of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol I to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	11709/20
Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Committee established by the Agreement between the European Economic Community, of the one part, and the Republic of Iceland , of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol 3 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	11711/20
Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Association Council established by the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the State of Israel, of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol 4 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	11710/20

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Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Association Council established by the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol 3 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	11712/20
Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Stabilisation and Association Council established by the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and Kosovo* of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol III to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	11146/20
Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Association Council established by the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Lebanon , of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol 4 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	11713/20
Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Stabilisation and Association Council established by the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol 4 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	11159/20
Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Customs Sub-Committee established by the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova, of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol II to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	11714/20

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Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Stabilisation and Association Council established by the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Montenegro , of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol 3 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	11715/20
Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Committee established by the Agreement between the European Economic Community, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Norway , of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol 3 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	11725/20
Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Committee established by the Euro-Mediterranean Interim Agreement on trade and cooperation between the European Community, of the one part, and the Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO) for the benefit of the Palestinian Authority of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol 3 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	11730/20
Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Stabilisation and Association Council established by the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Serbia , of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol 3 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	11731/20
Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Committee established by the Agreement between the European Economic Community, of the one part, and the Swiss Confederation , of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol 3 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	11523/20
Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the EU-Turkey Association Council as regards the amendment of Protocol 3 to Decision No 1/98 of the EC-Turkey Association Council on the trade regime for agricultural products, concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	11755/20

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Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Committee established by the Agreement between the European Coal and Steel Community and the Republic of Turkey on trade in products covered by the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community as regards the amendment of Protocol 1 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	11759/20
Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Customs Sub-Committee established by the Association Agreement between the European Union and their Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine , of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol I to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	11763/20

3. Against this background, the Permanent Representatives Committee could:

- confirm the agreement reached within the Working Party,
- 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 Decisions as set out in the following documents (texts revised by legal/linguistic experts):

Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Stabilisation and Association Council established by the Stabilisation and	11990/20
Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member	11141/20
States, of the one part, and the Republic of Albania , of the other part, as regards the	
amendment of Protocol 4 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept	
of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	
Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within	11006/20
the Stabilisation and Association Council established by the Stabilisation and	11996/20
Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member	11065/20
States, of the one part, and Bosnia and Herzegovina , of the other part, as regards the	
amendment of Protocol 2 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept	
of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	
Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within	10296/20
the Joint Committee established by the EEA Agreement , as regards the amendment	10270/20
of Protocol 4 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of	10297/20
'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	

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Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Association Council established by the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Arab Republic of Egypt , of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol 4 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	11999/20 11075/20
Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Committee established by the Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Government of the Faroe Islands , of the other part, as regards the amendment of	10256/20 10257/20
Protocol 3 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Customs Sub-Committee established by Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member	12004/20
States, of the one part, and Georgia , of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol I to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within	11080/20
the Joint Committee established by the Agreement between the European Economic Community, of the one part, and the Republic of Iceland , of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol 3 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	10291/20 10292/20
Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Association Council established by the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the State of Israel, of the other part, as regards the	12006/20 11081/20
amendment of Protocol 4 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within	12009/20
the Association Council established by the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan , of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol 3 to that Agreement concerning the definition of	11085/20
the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Stabilisation and Association Council established by the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic	12010/20
Energy Community, of the one part, and Kosovo * of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol III to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	11096/20

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Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within	
the Association Council established by the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement	12011/20
establishing an association between the European Community and its Member States,	
of the one part, and the Republic of Lebanon , of the other part, as regards the	11104/20
amendment of Protocol 4 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept	
of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	
Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within	
the Stabilisation and Association Council established by the Stabilisation and	
Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member	12012/20
States, of the one part, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia , of the other	11113/20
part, as regards the amendment of Protocol 4 to that Agreement concerning the	11110/20
definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative	
cooperation	
Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within	
the Customs Sub-Committee established by the Association Agreement between the	12017/20
European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member	
States, of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova , of the other part, as regards the	11115/20
amendment of Protocol II to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept	
of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	
Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within	12010/20
the Stabilisation and Association Council established by the Stabilisation and	12018/20
Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member	11124/20
States, of the one part, and the Republic of Montenegro , of the other part, as regards	
the amendment of Protocol 3 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the	
concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	
Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within	
the Joint Committee established by the Agreement between the European Economic	10280/20
Community, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Norway , of the other part, as	10281/20
regards the amendment of Protocol 3 to that Agreement concerning the definition of	10201/20
the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	
Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within	
the Joint Committee established by the Euro-Mediterranean Interim Agreement on	40040100
trade and cooperation between the European Community, of the one part, and the	12019/20
Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO) for the benefit of the Palestinian Authority	11125/20
of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, of the other part, as regards the amendment of	11120/20
Protocol 3 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating	
products' and methods of administrative cooperation	
Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within	
the Stabilisation and Association Council established by the Stabilisation and	12037/20
Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member	
States, of the one part, and the Republic of Serbia , of the other part, as regards the	11126/20
amendment of Protocol 3 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept	
of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	

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Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within	
the Joint Committee established by the Agreement between the European Economic	10244/20
Community, of the one part, and the Swiss Confederation , of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol 3 to that Agreement concerning the definition of	10245/20
the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within	
the EU-Turkey Association Council as regards the amendment of Protocol 3 to	12051/20
Decision No 1/98 of the EC-Turkey Association Council on the trade regime for agricultural products , concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating	11128/20
products' and methods of administrative cooperation	
Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Committee established by the Agreement between the European Coal and	12052/20
Steel Community and the Republic of Turkey on trade in products covered by the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community as regards the	11130/20
amendment of Protocol 1 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	
Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Customs Sub-Committee established by the Association Agreement between the	12053/20
European Union and their Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine , of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol I to that Agreement concerning the	11131/20
definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation	