



Brussels, 7 December 2020  
(OR. en)

---

---

**Interinstitutional File:**  
**2020/0294(NLE)**

---

---

13219/20  
ADD 1

UD 360  
COMER 180  
WTO 335

**'I' ITEM NOTE**

---

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
No. Cion doc.:	ST 12321/20 + ADD 1
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 - Commission Statement

---

**Statement by the Commission**

The Commission considers that the Council Decision should be addressed to the Commission, and therefore considers the changes to Article 2 to be inappropriate.

The expression of the Union position in a body set up by an agreement is an act of external representation of the Union which, in accordance with Article 17(1) TEU, is the institutional prerogative of the Commission.

The Commission reserves all its rights in this regard.

---