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

Subject: Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the EEA Joint Committee established by the Agreement on the European Economic Area as regards the amendment of Chapter IIa and Annexes I and II of Protocol 10 to the EEA Agreement, on simplification of inspections and formalities in respect of carriage of goods
- Decision to use the written procedure for adoption

1. On 12 January 2021, the Commission submitted to the Council the above-mentioned Proposal¹, 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 5460/21 on 1 February 2021.
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 5660/21 and ST 5661/21 (texts revised by legal/linguistic experts).

¹ Doc. ST 5202/21 + ADD1.