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

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Subject: COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) .../... of 25.11.2019 amending Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council applying a scheme of generalised tariff preferences
- Delegated act - intention not to raise objections

1. A list of GSP beneficiary countries is established in Annex II of Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 applying a scheme of generalised tariff preferences and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 732/2008 [GSP Regulation].
2. According to Article 5(3), in accordance with Article 36, of the GSP Regulation, the Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts to amend Annex II. The Commission has therefore submitted the above delegated act to the Council.
3. The Commission having notified the delegated act to the Council on 25 November 2019, the Council may object to that draft delegated act within a period of two months, i.e. until 26 January 2020. However, in order to enable this delegated act to enter into force on 1 January 2020, the Council and the European Parliament need to notify to the Commission that they will not object to it before that date.

4. The Working Party on the Generalised System of Preferences has examined the delegated act and agreed that there are no grounds for the Council to object to it.
5. It is therefore suggested that Coreper¹ recommend that the Council confirm that it has no intention to object to the delegated act and that the Commission and the European Parliament are to be informed thereof.

¹ At the meeting of the Permanent Representatives' Committee on 18 December 2019, the United Kingdom indicated its intention to abstain.