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

Subject: Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the Committee on Rules of Origin set up by the Agreement on Rules of Origin (WTO-GATT 1994), annexed to the final act signed in Marrakech on 15 April 1994
- Adoption

1. On 20 September 2019, 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. The Working Party on Customs Union examined the Proposal and on 11 October 2019 reached an agreement on the text as laid down in doc. ST 12949/19.
3. Against this background, the Permanent Representatives Committee¹ could:
 - confirm the agreement reached within the Working Party, and
 - invite the Council to adopt the draft Decision as set out in doc. ST 14929/19 (text revised by legal/linguistic experts) as an item without discussion at one of its forthcoming meetings.

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