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Subject: Council Decision to authorise the European Commission to open negotiations for Customs Cooperation and Mutual Administrative Assistance Agreement (CCMAA) with the Republic of Belarus

- Adoption
- *Statement by the Commission*

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**COUNCIL DECISION TO AUTHORISE THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION TO OPEN  
NEGOCIATIONS FOR CUSTOMS COOPERATION AND MUTUAL  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT (CCMAA) WITH THE  
REPUBLIC OF BELARUS**

**COMMISSION STATEMENT**

The Commission does not consider it necessary that a Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations indicates a substantive legal basis.

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