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From: General Secretariat of the Council

To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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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

1. On 4 November 2019, the Commission submitted to the Council the above-mentioned proposal, based on Article 218(3) and (4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.
2. The Working Party on Customs Union examined the proposal and on 22 November 2019 reached an agreement on the text as laid down in doc. ST 13933/19.
3. The Commission made a statement, set out in the Annex, to be inserted in the minutes of the meeting of the Permanent Representatives' Committee and of the Council.

4. 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 document ST 14483/19 (text revised by legal/linguistic experts) and the negotiating directives as set out in document ST 14483/19 ADD 1 as an item without discussion at one of its forthcoming meetings.
5. The Council Decision (doc. ST 14483/19) will be published in the OJ in accordance with Article 17(2)(b) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.
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¹ At the meeting of the Permanent Representatives' Committee on 18 December 2019, the United Kingdom indicated its intention to abstain.