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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 within the General Council of the World Trade Organization concerning the European Union request for an extension of the WTO waiver permitting autonomous trade preferences to the Western Balkans - Adoption

1. On 1 October 2026, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for the above-mentioned Council Decision (doc. 13981/26).

2. On 8 October 2026, the Trade Policy Committee (Deputies) examined and endorsed the proposal.

3. In the light of the above, and subject to confirmation by the Permanent Representatives Committee, the Council is invited to:

   – adopt the Council Decision as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in document 13984/26; and

   – note that the European Parliament will be informed in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU, and that the Council Decision will be transmitted to the Parliament.