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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular the first subparagraph of Article 207(4) in conjunction with Article 218(9) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

(1) The Economic Partnership Agreement between the CARIFORUM States, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part[1] ('the Agreement'), was signed on 15 October 2008 and has been provisionally applied since 29 December 2008.

(2) Pursuant to Article 230(4) of the Agreement, the CARIFORUM-EU Trade and Development Committee may set up and oversee any special committee to deal with matters falling within its competence.

(3) In order to deal more efficiently with all matters of the Agreement that relate to trade in services, the CARIFORUM-EU Trade and Development Committee intends to adopt a decision establishing a Special Committee on Services.

(4) It is appropriate to establish the position to be taken on the Union's behalf within the CARIFORUM-EU Trade and Development Committee as the decision establishing a Special Committee on Services will have legal effects in the Union.

(5) The position of the Union within the CARIFORUM-EU Trade and Development Committee as regards the establishment of a Special Committee on Services should therefore be based on draft Decision of the CARIFORUM-EU Trade and Development Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Decision (EU) 2020/2137. (See end of Document for details)*

Article 1

1 The position to be taken on the Union's behalf within the CARIFORUM-EU Trade and Development Committee established by the Economic Partnership Agreement between the CARIFORUM States, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part, as regards the establishment of a Special Committee on Services shall be based on the draft Decision of the CARIFORUM-EU Trade and Development Committee[(2)].

2 Minor changes to the draft Decision of the CARIFORUM-EU Trade and Development Committee may be agreed to by the representatives of the Union in the CARIFORUM-EU Trade and Development Committee without further decision of the Council.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 15 December 2020.

For the Council

The President

J. KLOECKNER