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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 International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods ('the Convention') was approved by Council Regulation (EEC) No 1262/84[(1)].

(2) Pursuant to Article 22 of the Convention, the Administrative Committee referred to in the paragraph 2 of that article ('the Administrative Committee') may adopt amendments by a two-thirds majority of Contracting Parties present and voting.

(3) The Administrative Committee, at its twelfth session, is to adopt an amendment to Article 7 of Annex 8 to the Convention.

(4) It is appropriate to establish the position to be adopted on the Union's behalf in the Administrative Committee, as the amendments to the Convention will be binding on the Union.

(5) The Union supports the new Article 7 of Annex 8 to the Convention, as, by decreasing the frequency of the reporting mechanism on progress made to improve border crossing procedures for international road transport, Members States face less administrative formalities.

(6) The position of the Union within the Administrative Committee for the Convention should therefore be based on the draft amendment attached to this Decision,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The position to be adopted on the Union's behalf in the twelfth or a subsequent session of the Administrative Committee shall be to support the draft amendment attached to this Decision.

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Decision (EU) 2019/2150. (See end of Document for details)*

Article 2

Minor technical changes to the draft amendment referred to in Article 1 may be agreed by the representative of the Union in the Administrative Committee.

Article 3

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

Done at Brussels, 9 December 2019.

For the Council

The President

J. BORRELL FONTELLES