



## Statement on behalf of the European Union

by

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at the

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## GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE REVISED CHAIR'S DRAFT PAPER

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## EU general statement on the revised version of the Chair's Draft Paper on ATT 3 March 2011

Mr Chairman,

- 1. I am speaking on behalf of the European Union.
- 2. Mr Chairman, the European Union would like to thank you for your tireless efforts in guiding the works of the Preparatory Committee in a constructive and effective way. We continue to support your incremental approach that allows us to continue to work on the basis of evolving documents that aim at reflecting the views expressed by all delegations.
- 3. The European Union is fully aware that your task is not an easy one. After a first reading of your revised draft paper, we consider it reflects the fact that the PrepCom has entered into substantial discussion and it has achieved a general improvement in terms of coherence and substance. We feel we are on a good path.

Mr Chairman,

4. We will now study in depth the content of your revised draft paper. The EU will further contribute to the PrepCom consultations.

I thank you Mr Chairman.