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COUNCIL DECISION supplementing the negotiating directives for the Doha Development Agenda regarding the plurilateral negotiations of rules and commitments on electronic commerce
COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2019/…

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supplementing the negotiating directives for the Doha Development Agenda regarding the plurilateral negotiations of rules and commitments on electronic commerce

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(3) and (4) thereof,

Having regard to the recommendation from the European Commission,
Whereas:

(1) Under the Doha Development Agenda, the Council authorised the opening of negotiations in the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and addressed directives to the Commission, _inter alia_ on trade in services, trade facilitation and the progressive liberalisation of trade rules.


(3) On 25 January 2019, 76 Members of the WTO confirmed their intention to commence WTO negotiations on trade-related aspects of electronic commerce.

(4) The adoption of supplementary negotiating directives is necessary to further frame the position of the Union in the WTO negotiations on trade-related aspects of electronic commerce.

(5) Pursuant to Article 207(3) of the Treaty, the Trade Policy Committee should continue to be designated as the committee in consultation with which the negotiations shall be conducted,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:
Article 1

The negotiating directives addressed to the Commission on the Doha Development Agenda are supplemented by the negotiating directives for the plurilateral negotiations of rules and commitments on electronic commerce set out in the Addendum to this Decision.

Article 2

The Commission shall conduct the negotiations in consultation with the Trade Policy Committee pursuant to Article 207(3) of the Treaty. The Commission shall report regularly to that Committee on the progress of the negotiations.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Commission.

Done at …,

For the Council

The President