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| From: | General Secretariat of the Council |
| To: | Council |
| Subject: | Draft Position of the Council at first reading with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Protocol No 3 on the Statute of the Court of Justice of the European Union (first reading) - Adoption of a) the Council's position b) the statement of the Council's reasons |

1. On 4 April 2011 the Court of Justice sent the Council a request to amend the Statute of the Court of Justice ¹ based on the first paragraph of Article 254 and the second paragraph of Article 281 of the TFEU and Article 106a(1) of the Euratom Treaty.
2. The Commission delivered its opinion on 30 September 2011 ².
3. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on 15 April 2014 ³.

¹ 8787/11.
² 14769/11.
³ 8509/14.

4. At its meeting on 17 June 2015 the Permanent Representatives Committee confirmed its agreement and agreed to suggest that the Council:
- adopt the Council's position at first reading as set out in 9375/15 and the statement of reasons as set out in 9375/15 ADD 1 as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with the United Kingdom delegation voting against and the Belgian and Netherlands delegations abstaining;
 - order that the statements by Belgium and Germany in the addendum to this note be entered in the minutes of that meeting.
 - take note of the statement by the Court of Justice in the addendum to this note.
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