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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the participation of the Union in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA) jointly undertaken by several Member States (First reading)
	- Adoption of the legislative act

- 1. On 18 October 2016 the Commission sent its proposal¹, based on Article 185 and Article 188(2) TFEU, to the Council.
- The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 26 January 2017². 2.
- The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal on 13 June 2017. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council³.

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² OJ C 125, 21.4.2017, p. 80.

- 4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to confirm its agreement and to suggest that the Council:
 - approve the European Parliament's position as set out in PE-CONS 18/17 as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting, with the UK delegation abstaining;
 - order that the statements in <u>Addenda 1 and 2</u> to this note be entered in the minutes of that meeting;
 - decide to publish the statement set out in <u>Addendum 1</u> in the Official Journal of the European Union together with the legislative act.

If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

After being signed by the President of the European Parliament and the President of the Council, the legislative act will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

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