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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 98/70/EC relating to the quality of petrol and diesel fuels and amending Directive 2009/28/EC on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources <b>(second reading)</b> - Approval of the European Parliament's amendments <b>(LA+S)</b>

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1. On 18 October 2012 the Commission sent its proposal<sup>1</sup>, based on Article 192(1) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 17 April 2013<sup>2</sup>.
3. The European Parliament adopted its opinion at first reading on 11 September 2013<sup>3</sup>.
4. On 9 December 2014 the Council adopted its position at first reading<sup>4</sup> and forwarded it, with a statement of its reasons, to the European Parliament.

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<sup>1</sup> 15189/12.

<sup>2</sup> OJ C 198, 10.7.2013, p. 56.

<sup>3</sup> 12900/13.

<sup>4</sup> 10710/2/14 REV 2

5. In accordance with the provisions of the Joint Declaration on practical arrangements for the codecision procedure<sup>5</sup>, informal contacts took place between the Council, the European Parliament and the Commission with the aim of reaching agreement at second reading.
7. At its sitting on 28 April 2015, the Parliament adopted, at second reading, one amendment to the Council's position at first reading. That amendment reflects the compromise agreement reached between the three institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council<sup>6</sup>.
8. The Commission issued its opinion on the European Parliament's amendment on 16 June 2015.
9. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to confirm its agreement on this amendment and to suggest that the Council:
  - approve the European Parliament's amendment contained in 8037/15, as set out after verification by the legal-linguistic experts in PE-CONS 28/15, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with the delegation of the Czech Republic abstaining;
  - order that the statement in the addendum to this note be entered in the minutes of that meeting.

Following approval by the Council of the European Parliament's amendment, the Directive is deemed to have been adopted in the form of the position of the Council at first reading, thus amended, in conformity with Article 294(8)(a) TFEU.

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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<sup>5</sup> OJ C 145, 30.6.2007, p. 5.

<sup>6</sup> 8037/15