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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the European Union Drugs Agency (EUDA) and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1920/2006 (first reading) - Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 12 January 2022 the Commission submitted its proposal¹, based on Article 168(5) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 18 May 2022².
3. The Committee of the Regions was consulted and decided not to issue an opinion.
4. On 13 June 2023 the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council³.

¹ 5304/22 + ADD1 to ADD4.

² OJ C 323, 26.8.2022, p. 88.

³ 10313/23.

5. 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 16/23, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with Bulgaria voting against.
6. The statements for the minutes of the Council meeting are set out in the Addendum to this note.
7. If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

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