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## 'I/A' ITEM NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
То:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on protective measures against pests of plants, amending Regulations (EU) No 228/2013, (EU) No 652/2014 and (EU) No 1143/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Directives 69/464/EEC, 74/647/EEC, 93/85/EEC, 98/57/EC, 2000/29/EC, 2006/91/EC and 2007/33/EC (First reading)
	Adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reasons

- 1. On 6 May 2013 the Commission sent the above proposal<sup>1</sup>, based on Article 43(2) TFEU, to the Council.
- 2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 10 December 2013<sup>2</sup>.
- 3. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on 15 April 2014<sup>3</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 9574/13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> OJ C 170, 5.6.2014, p. 104.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 8307/14.

- 4. At its 3470th meeting on 26 May 2016, the Competitiveness Council reached political agreement on the position of the Council at first reading on the aforementioned Directive<sup>1</sup>.
- 5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is asked to suggest that the Council:
  - adopt the Council's position at first reading as set out in 8795/16 and the statement of reasons set out in 8795/16 ADD 1 as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting, with the Netherlands delegation abstaining;
  - order that the statements in the addendum to this note be entered in the minutes of that meeting.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In accordance with its letter of 3 May 2016, sent by the Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development to the Chair of Coreper, the European Parliament should, at second reading, approve the Council's position at first reading without amendments.