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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: Draft Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the accessibility of the websites and mobile applications of public sector bodies(**first reading**)  
- Adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reasons

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1. On 3 December 2012, the Commission sent the above proposal<sup>1</sup>, based on Article 114(1) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 22 May 2013<sup>2</sup>.
3. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on 26 February 2014<sup>3</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> 17344/12.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 271, 19.9.2013, p. 116.

<sup>3</sup> 6835/14.

4. At its 3474th meeting on 16 June 2016, the EPSCO Council reached political agreement on the position of the Council at first reading on the above Directive<sup>1</sup>.
  5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is asked to suggest that the Council adopt its position at first reading, as set out in 9389/16, and the statement of reasons, as set out in 9389/16 ADD 1, as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting.
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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with the letter of 30 May 2016, sent by the Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection to the Chair of Coreper, the European Parliament should, at second reading, approve the Council's position at first reading without amendments.