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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 cross-border exchange between the Union and third countries of accessible format copies of certain works and other subject-matter protected by copyright and related rights for the benefit of persons who are blind, visually impaired or otherwise print-disabled (first reading) - Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 16 September 2016, the Commission sent the above proposal to the Council¹. The legal basis for the draft Regulation is Article 114 TFEU.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 5 July 2017².
3. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal on 6 July 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.

¹ 12264/16.

² not yet published.

³ 10893/17.

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 24/17, as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting;
- order that the statement in the addendum to this note be entered in the minutes of that meeting.

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.
