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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 establishing a single digital gateway to provide access to information, to procedures and to assistance and problem-solving services and amending Regulation (EU) No 1024/2012 ( <b>First reading</b> ) - Adoption of the legislative act

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1. On 2 May 2017 the Commission sent its proposal<sup>1</sup> to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 18 October 2017<sup>2</sup>.
3. The Committee of the Regions was consulted.

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<sup>1</sup> 8838/17.

<sup>2</sup> OJ C 81, 2.3.2018, p. 88.

4. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal on 13 September 2018. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council<sup>3</sup>.
5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to confirm its agreement and to suggest that the Council:
  - approves the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE-CONS 41/18, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with the Belgian delegation abstaining;
  - orders that the statement in addendum 1 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.

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<sup>3</sup> 11523/18.