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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 laying down measures concerning open internet access and amending Directive 2002/22/EC on universal service and users' rights relating to electronic communications networks and services and Regulation (EU) No 531/2012 on roaming on public mobile communications networks within the Union (first reading) - Adoption (a) of the Council's position (b) of the statement of the Council's reasons

1. On 11 September 2013 the Commission sent the above proposal¹, based on Article 114 TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 21 January 2014².
3. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on 3 April 2014³.

¹ 13555/13.

² OJ C 177, 11.6.2014, p. 64.

³ 8033/14.

4. On 8 July 2015 the Permanent Representatives Committee approved a compromise text after informal contacts had taken place between the Council and the European Parliament. Subsequently, on 16 July 2015, the Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) sent a letter to the Chair of Coreper stating that the European Parliament was expected, at second reading, to approve the Council's position at first reading without amendments.
 5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is asked to suggest that the Council:
 - adopt the Council's position at first reading as set out in 10788/15 and the statement of reasons set out in 10788/15 ADD 1 as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting, with the Netherlands and Slovenian delegations voting against and the Croatian and Greek delegations abstaining;
 - order that the statements in the addendum to this note be entered in the minutes of that meeting.
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