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## "I/A" ITEM NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council to approximate the laws of the Member States relating to trade marks (Recast) (First reading)
	- Adoption
	a) of the Council's position
	b) of the statement of the Council's reasons

- On 2 April 2013 the Commission sent the above proposal<sup>1</sup>, based on Article 114 TFEU, to the Council.
- 2. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on 25 February 2014<sup>2</sup>.
- 3. At its 3402nd meeting on 13 July 2015, the Agriculture and Fisheries Council reached political agreement on the Council's position at first reading on the above Directive<sup>3</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 8066/13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 6743/14.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> In accordance with the letter of 16 June 2015 sent by the Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on Legal Affairs to the Chair of Coreper, the European Parliament should, at second reading, approve the Council's position at first reading without amendment.

- 4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is asked to suggest that the Council:
  - adopt the Council's position at first reading as set out in 10374/15 and the statement of reasons set out in 10374/15 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.