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Subject:	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing a framework for screening of foreign direct investments into the European Union <i>- Optional consultation of the European Economic and Social Committee</i>

1. On 14 September 2017, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework for screening of foreign direct investments into the European Union.¹
2. In accordance with article 304 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the European Economic and Social Committee may be consulted in cases the Council considers appropriate².

¹ doc. 12137/17 + ADD 1 + ADD2

² The sole purpose of this note is to decide on the consultation of another institution/body and not on the substance.

3. The Permanent Representatives' Committee is therefore invited to decide, in accordance with Article 304 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and Article 19(7)(h) of the Council's Rules of Procedure³, to consult the European Economic and Social Committee on the above proposal and to request it to give its opinion as soon as possible.
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³ Council Decision 2009/937/EU of 1 December 2009 adopting the Council's Rules of Procedure, OJ L 325, 11/12/2009, p. 35.