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| From: | General Secretariat of the Council <br> To: |
| Permanent Representatives Committee/Council |  |

1. On 28 June 2016 the Commission sent its proposal ${ }^{1}$, based on Article 177 TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 21 September $2016^{2}$. The Committee of the Regions was consulted.

1 10738/16.
2 Not yet published.
3. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal on 25 October 2016. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council ${ }^{3}$.
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 $39 / 16$, as an ' A ' item at a forthcoming 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.

