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'I' ITEM NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)
Subject:	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the harmonisation of gross national income at market prices (GNI Regulation) repealing Council Directive 89/130/EEC, Euratom and Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1287/2003 - Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament

I.   INTRODUCTION

On 20 June 2017, the Commission transmitted to the Council its proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the harmonisation of gross national income at market prices (GNI Regulation) repealing Council Directive 89/130/EEC, Euratom and Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1287/2003[1].

On 6 September, the Commission presented its proposal to the Working Party on Statistics. The Commission justified the absence of an impact assessment to the proposal, and delegations did not object to the explanation provided.

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[1] ST 10569/17 + ADD1.

II. STATE OF PLAY

Following deliberations in the Working Party on 12 October, and a silence procedure within the framework of the Working Party which ended on 25 October without objections being raised, the latest Presidency compromise proposal for a negotiating mandate - as set out in document ST 13698/17 - is supported by all delegations.

III. CONCLUSION

Against this background it is recommended that the Permanent Representatives Committee:

-    agrees on the negotiating mandate with regard to the proposed Regulation, as set out in in document ST 13698/17, and

-    invites the incoming Bulgarian Presidency to start negotiations with the European Parliament on the basis of this negotiating mandate as soon as the European Parliament has reached its position, and with a view to reaching an agreement at first reading.

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