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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 96/53/EC of 25 July 1996 laying down for certain road vehicles circulating within the Community the maximum authorised dimensions in national and international traffic and the maximum authorised weights in international traffic <b>(first reading)</b> - Adoption a) of the Council position b) of the statement of the Council's reasons

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1. On 15 April 2013, the Commission sent the above proposal<sup>1</sup>, based on Article 91 TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 10 July 2013<sup>2</sup>. The Committee of the Regions was consulted.
3. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on 15 April 2014<sup>3</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> 8953/13.

<sup>2</sup> OJ C 327, 12.11.2013, p. 133.

<sup>3</sup> 8310/14.

4. At its 3118th meeting on 5 June 2014, the Council (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) reached a political agreement on the Council's position at first reading on the above Directive.
  5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is asked to suggest that the Council:
    - adopt, as an "A" item on the agenda for a forthcoming meeting, the Council's position at first reading as set out in 11296/14 and the statement of reasons as set out in 11296/14 ADD 1;
    - order that the statements in the addendum to this note be entered in the minutes of that meeting.
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