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1. The Commission submitted the above-mentioned proposal to the Council on 29 October 2014.
2. On 6 November 2014, the Working Party on Outermost Regions examined the proposal. Following a silence procedure, on 17 November 2014, consensus was reached on a revised text, which added a new recital for introducing an exception to the requirement of an eight-week consultation period of the national parliaments, laid down by Article 4 of Protocol No 1 of the Treaty. Such an exception was needed due to the urgency for adopting the legislative measure which should guarantee the legal framework for the dock dues from 1 January 2015.
3. On 3 December 2014, the European Parliament's Committee on Regional Development (hereinafter "REGI Committee") approved its report on the Commission proposal for the Council decision without suggesting any amendments.

4. Consequently, on 16 December 2014, the European Parliament is expected to adopt its opinion on the proposal, based on REGI Committee's report, without suggesting any amendments.
  5. Provided that the European Parliament adopts its opinion on 16 December 2014 as described above, it is suggested that the Permanent Representatives Committee invite the Council to:
    - adopt as an "A" item the above-mentioned proposal, as finalised by the Lawyer Linguists and as set out in document 15406/14, and after having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament.
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