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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Council
Subject:	**Rules of Procedure of the General Court of the European Union**
	- Approval by the Council

1. Pursuant to Article 254, fifth paragraph TUE, *"the General Court shall establish its Rules of Procedure in agreement with the Court of Justice. Those Rules shall require approval of the Council."*

2. With reference to the aforementioned provision, the President of the General Court of the European Union submitted, by letter dated 14 March 2014, draft new Rules of Procedure of the General Court for the approval of the Council (document 7795/14).

3. The draft Rules of Procedure were examined by the Working Party on Court of Justice between April and December 2014. During the deliberations, the General Court submitted two revised drafts taking into account the observations made by delegations. The Working Party on Court of Justice also took into account the opinion of the Council's Security Committee on the draft Security Rules applicable to information or material produced in accordance with Article 105(1) and (2) of the draft Rules Procedure which the General Court is to determine by decision under Article 105(11) of the draft Rules of Procedure[1].

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[1] For details see document 16651/14 JUR 931 COUR 56 INST 609.

4. On 11 December 2014, the Permanent Representatives Committee confirmed the agreement reached in the Working Party on Court of Justice on the text of the draft Rules of Procedure as set out in document 16724/14. The United Kingdom made the statement set out in the summary record of the 2522nd meeting of the Permanent Representatives Committee2.

5. In the light of the foregoing, the Council is invited to approve the Rules of Procedure of the General Court as set out, after legal-linguistic revision, in document 16894/14 JUR 955 COUR 58 INST 627, as an A-item in one of its next sessions.

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2 Document 16706/14 (see p.36, point 116).