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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 Directive 94/62/EC on packaging and packaging waste to reduce the consumption of lightweight plastic carrier bags (**first reading**)
- Adoption of
(a) the Council's position
(b) the statement of the Council's reasons

1. On 5 November 2013 the Commission sent the above proposal¹, based on Article 114 TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 26 February 2014².
3. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on 16 April 2014³.
4. At its 3363rd meeting on 17 December 2014, the Environment Council reached political agreement on the position of the Council at first reading on the aforementioned Directive⁴.

¹ 15845/13.

² OJ C 214, 8.7.2014, p. 40.

³ 9044/14.

⁴ In accordance with the letter of 25 November 2014 sent by the Chair of the European Parliament's Environment Committee to the Chair of Coreper, the European Parliament should, at second reading, approve the Council's position at first reading without amendment.

5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is asked to suggest that the Council:
- adopt its position at first reading as set out in 5094/15 and the statement of reasons set out in 5094/15 ADD 1 as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting;
 - order that the statement in the addendum to this note be entered in the minutes of that meeting.
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