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| From:    | General Secretariat of the Council  |
| To:      | Permanent Representatives Committee/Council   |
| Subject: | Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on promoting the free movement of citizens by simplifying the requirements for presenting certain public documents in the European Union and amending Regulation (EU) No 1024/2012 <b>(First reading) (LA)</b><br>Adoption<br>(a) of the Council's position<br>(b) of the statement of the Council's reasons |

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1. On 26 April 2013 the Commission sent the above proposal <sup>1</sup>, based on Articles 21(2) and 114(1) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 11 July 2013 <sup>2</sup>.
3. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on 4 February 2014 <sup>3</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> 9037/13.

<sup>2</sup> OJ C 327, 19.12.2014, p. 52.

<sup>3</sup> 5905/14.

4. At its 3433rd meeting on 3 December 2015, the Council (Justice and Home Affairs) reached political agreement on the Council's position at first reading on the above Regulation <sup>1</sup>.
  5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is asked to suggest that the Council adopt its position at first reading as set out in 14956/15 and the statement of reasons set out in 14956/15 ADD 1 as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting, with the Austrian delegation abstaining.
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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with the letter of 12 November 2015 sent by the Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on Legal Affairs to the Chair of Coreper, the European Parliament should, at second reading, approve the Council's position at first reading without amendment.