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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 on European statistics (first reading) - Adoption a) of the Council's position b) of the statement of the Council's reasons

1. On 17 April 2012 the Commission sent the above proposal ¹, based on Article 338(1) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on 21 November 2013 ².
3. At its 3366th meeting on 27 January 2015, the Economic and Financial Affairs Council reached political agreement on the Council's position at first reading on the above Regulation³.

¹ 9122/12.

² 16317/13.

³ In accordance with the letter of 9 January 2015 sent by the Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs to the Chair of Coreper, the European Parliament should, at second reading, approve the Council's position at first reading without amendment.

4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is asked to suggest that the Council:
- adopt the Council's position at first reading as set out in 5161/15 and the statement of reasons set out in 5161/15 ADD 1 as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with the Austrian and United Kingdom delegations voting against and the Netherlands and the Portuguese delegations abstaining;
 - order that the statement in the addendum to this note be entered in the minutes of that meeting.
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