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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL empowering the French Republic to negotiate, sign and conclude an international agreement on the safety and interoperability requirements within the Channel Fixed Link (first reading) - Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 20 June 2023 the Commission submitted its proposal¹, based on Articles 2(1) and 91 TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 20 September 2023².
3. The Committee of the Regions was consulted and decided not to issue an opinion.
4. On 7 February 2024 the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council³.

¹ 10917/23.

² OJ C, C/2023/879, 8.12.2023.

³ 6435/24.

5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to confirm its agreement and to suggest that the Council approve the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE-CONS 91/23, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting.
6. If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

After being signed by the Presidents of the European Parliament and of the Council, the legislative act will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.
