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#### 'I/A' ITEM NOTE

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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: Draft Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2003/59/EC on the initial qualification and periodic training of drivers of certain road vehicles for the carriage of goods or passengers and Directive 2006/126/EC on driving licences **(first reading)** -  
- Adoption of the legislative act

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1. On 1 February 2017 the Commission sent the above proposal<sup>1</sup>, based on Article 91 TFEU, to the Council.
2. The Committee of the Regions was consulted.
3. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 3 August 2017<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> 5671/17.

<sup>2</sup> OJ C 288, 31.8.2017, p. 115.

4. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal on 13 March 2018. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council<sup>3</sup>.
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 71/17, as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting with the Italian delegation abstaining and the Luxembourg and Austrian delegations voting against.

If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

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

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<sup>3</sup> 7087/18.