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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 on a common framework for the provision of better services for skills and qualifications (Europass) and repealing Decision No 2241/2004/EC (first reading) - - Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 4 October 2016 the Commission sent the above proposal¹, based on Article 165 and 166 TFEU, to the Council.
2. The Committee of the Regions was consulted.
3. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 31 May 2017².

¹ 12947/16.

² OJ C 173, 31.5.2017, p. 45.

4. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal on 15 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 Council³.
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 70/17, as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting.

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.

³ 7097/18.