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

Subject: Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 96/53/EC of 25 July 1996 laying down for certain road vehicles circulating within the Community the maximum authorised dimensions in national and international traffic and the maximum authorised weights in international traffic **(second reading)**
- Approval of the European Parliament's amendments **(LA+S)**

1. On 15 April 2013 the Commission sent the above proposal¹, based on Article 91 TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 10 July 2013².
The Committee of the Regions was consulted.
3. The European Parliament adopted its opinion at first reading on 15 April 2014³.
4. On 16 October 2014 the Council adopted its position at first reading⁴ and forwarded it, with a statement of its reasons, to the European Parliament.

¹ 8953/13.

² OJ C 327, 12.11.2013, p. 133.

³ 8310/14.

⁴ 11296/3/14 REV 3.

5. In accordance with the provisions of the Joint Declaration on practical arrangements for the codecision procedure¹, informal contacts were initiated between the Council, the European Parliament and the Commission with the aim of reaching agreement at second reading.
6. At its sitting on 10 March 2015, the Parliament adopted, at second reading, one amendment to the Council's position at first reading. That amendment reflects the compromise agreement between the three institutions and should therefore be acceptable to the Council².
7. The Commission issued its opinion on the European Parliament's amendments on 13 April 2015.
8. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to confirm its agreement on this amendment and to suggest that the Council:
 - approve the European Parliament's amendment contained in 6955/15, as set out after verification by the lawyer-linguists in PE-CONS 2/15, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting;
 - order that the statements in the addendum to this note be entered in the minutes of that meeting.

Following approval by the Council of the European Parliament's amendment, the Directive is deemed to have been adopted in the form of the position of the Council at first reading, thus amended, in conformity with Article 294(8)(a) of the TFEU.

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.

¹ OJ C 145, 30.6.2007, p. 5.

² 6955/15.