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| From:          | General Secretariat of the Council                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| To:            | Permanent Representatives Committee                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| Subject:       | Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 establishing a Community Code on Visas (Visa Code)<br>- Optional consultation of the European Economic and Social Committee |

1. On 14 March 2014, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 establishing a Community Code on Visas (Visa Code).
2. The proposal, which is based on Article 77(2)(a) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, does not require the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee. Nevertheless, in the above-mentioned proposal, the Commission proposes that the European Economic and Social Committee be consulted on an optional basis.
3. In view of the subject matter of the proposal, it is deemed appropriate to consult this Committee.

4. Coreper is therefore invited to decide, pursuant to Articles 304 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU and to Article 19(7)(h) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, to consult the European Economic and Social Committee and to request the Committee to give its opinion as soon as possible.
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