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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive (EU) 2015/849 on the prevention of the use of the financial system for the purposes of money laundering or terrorist financing, and amending Directives 2009/138/EC and 2013/36/EU (first reading) - Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 6 July 2016 the Commission sent the above proposal¹, based on Article 50 and 114 TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Central Bank issued its opinion on 9 December 2016². The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 2 February 2017³.

¹ 10678/16.

² OJ C 459, 9.12.2016, p. 3.

³ OJ C 34, 2.2.2017, p. 121.

4. On 19 April 2018 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 Council⁴.
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 72/17, 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.

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.

⁴ 8058/18.