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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 concerning measures to ensure a high common level of network and information security across the Union <b>(first reading)</b> - Adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the Council's statement of reasons

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1. On 7 February 2013 the Commission sent the above proposal<sup>1</sup>, based on Article 114 TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 22 May 2013<sup>2</sup>.
3. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on 13 March 2014<sup>3</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> 6342/13.

<sup>2</sup> OJ C 271, 19.9.2013, p. 133.

<sup>3</sup> 7451/14.

4. At its 3451st meeting on 29 February 2016, the Competitiveness Council reached political agreement on the position of the Council at first reading on the aforementioned Directive<sup>1</sup>.
  5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is asked to suggest that the Council adopt its position at first reading set out in 5581/16 and the statement of reasons set out in 5581/16 ADD 1 as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting.
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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with the letter of 28 January 2016, sent by the Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection to the Chair of Coreper, the European Parliament should, at second reading, approve the Council's position at first reading without amendment.