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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 94/62/EC on packaging and packaging waste (**first reading**)
- Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 3 December 2015 the Commission sent the above proposal¹, which is based on Article 114(1) TFEU and part of the Circular Economy Package, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 20 July 2016². The Committee of the Regions issued its opinion on 18 January 2017³.

¹ 14976/15.

² OJ C 264, 20.7.2016, p. 98.

³ OJ C 17, 18.1.2017, p. 46.

3. On 17 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.
4. 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 12/18, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with Hungary and Portugal abstaining;
 - 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 8051/18.