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From: General Secretariat  
To: Committee of Permanent Representatives (Part 2)  
Subject: Reform of the General Court  
- Draft letter to the European Parliament

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1. On 19 June 2015, the European Parliament's rapporteur, Mr. Marinho e Pinto, addressed an e-mail to the Secretary General of the Council requesting to send to his office the date and the official document of transmission to national parliaments, in accordance with Article 2, last paragraph, of Protocol No 1 on the role of national Parliaments in the European Union<sup>1</sup>, of document 9375/15 of 12 June 2015 containing the draft position of the Council at first reading with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Protocol No 3 on the Statute of the Court of Justice of the European Union.
2. The Committee of Permanent Representatives is asked to approve, in accordance with Article 19(7)(k) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, the wording of the draft reply to be sent to the European Parliament as set out in the annex to this document.

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<sup>1</sup> This provision reads as follows : *"Draft legislative acts originating from [...] the Court of Justice [...] shall be forwarded to national Parliament by the Council."*

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**Subject : Reform of the General Court**

Honourable Member of the European Parliament, dear Mr. Marinho e Pinto,

thank you for your e-mail of 19 June 2015 requesting to send to your office the date and the official document of transmission to national Parliaments of document 9375/15 of 12 June 2015, in accordance with Article 2, last paragraph, of Protocol No 1 on the role of national Parliaments in the European Union, which provides that *"draft legislative acts originating from [...] the Court of Justice [...] shall be forwarded to national Parliament by the Council"*.

As foreseen by the said provision, the draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council of the European Union amending Protocol No 3 on the Statute of the Court of Justice of the European Union submitted by the Court of Justice on 28 March 2011<sup>2</sup> was forwarded to national Parliaments on 5 May 2011. You will find attached copy of this transmission.<sup>3</sup> Concerning the amendments subsequently proposed by the Council or the European Parliament to this draft Regulation during the legislative procedure, Protocol No 1 does not provide for any such information for national Parliaments.

For the sake of completeness, it should also be noted that, pursuant to Article 5 of Protocol No 1, the outcome of the meeting of the Council at which its position at first reading was adopted was forwarded directly to national Parliaments on 24 June 2015. Besides, in the framework of the budgetary procedure 2016, the draft budget of the EU containing the necessary appropriations for the implementation of the proposed reform for 2016 was forwarded to national Parliaments on 25 June 2015.

Yours faithfully

[Signature]  
Hubert LEGAL

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<sup>2</sup> Document 8787/11.

<sup>3</sup> Document CM 2846/11 of 5 May 2011.