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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)
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Subject:	REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL implementing the Kimberley Process certification scheme for the international trade in rough diamonds (recast) - Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament

1. On 12 March 2021, the European Commission adopted a proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council implementing the Kimberley Process certification scheme for the international trade in rough diamonds (recast).

2. According to the Explanatory Memorandum, the purpose of this recast proposal of Council Regulation (EC) No 2368/2002 of 20 December 2002 implementing the Kimberley Process certification scheme for the international trade in rough diamonds, is to undertake a codification of that Regulation. The new Regulation will supersede the various acts incorporated in it, which have been included in Annex VI to the Commission Proposal, fully preserving the content of the acts being codified.

3. The proposal has been issued as a recast due to a substantive amendment to Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 2368/2002, which deals with the comitology procedure. The purpose of the substantive amendment was to align this Article with Regulation (EU) 182/2011.

4. The Commission presented the proposal to the Working Party on Trade Questions on 22 June 2021. The Working Party on Trade Questions endorsed the Commission Proposal in a written consultation that took place after that meeting.

5. Against this background, the Permanent Representatives' Committee is invited to agree to mandate the Presidency to start negotiations with the European Parliament on the basis of the Commission proposal as set out in document 7750/21 + ADD1.