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To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
Subject:	Legislative programming: input ahead of the Commission's Letter of Intent <i>Exchange of views</i>

Delegations will find attached a note from the Presidency in preparation of an exchange of views with the Commission at the Coreper meeting of 18 July 2018 with a view to providing an early input to the Commission's Annual Work Programme for 2019.

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENCY**Early input to the Commission's Annual Work Programme for 2019**

The Strategic Agenda adopted by the European Council at its meeting on 24-25 June 2014 provides guidance for the work of the European Union over the next five years.

The Interinstitutional Agreement on Better-Law making of 13 April 2016¹ (paragraph 6) provides that the Commission will engage in a dialogue with the European Parliament and the Council respectively, both before and after the adoption of the Commission Work Programme (WP).

In 2017, this dialogue took place and the Commission subsequently adopted its WP for 2018. The WP for 2018 focused on a targeted set of key strategies grounded in the 10 priorities set out in the Political Guidelines by the President of the Commission, inspired by the Strategic Agenda.

Following the adoption of the WP, and in accordance with the IIA (paragraph 7), the three institutions exchanged views and agreed on a joint declaration on the EU's legislative priorities for 2018-2019, which was approved by the Council on 12 December 2017² and signed on 14 December 2017³. It lists 76 legislative proposals on which the three institutions aim to achieve substantial progress and, where possible, agreement before the 2019 European elections.

In the perspective of the 'letter of intent' due to be submitted by the Commission in September 2018, Coreper will hold an exchange of views with the Commission on the priorities for the upcoming year with a view to providing an early input. The basis for the exchange of views will mainly be the Strategic Agenda adopted by the European Council, its implementation in the Commission's current and previous WPs as well as the implementation of the joint declaration.

Against this background, the Presidency suggests holding a first open exchange of views with the Commission at the Coreper meeting of 18 July 2018. Permanent Representatives are invited to provide their views on the following questions:

- Do the areas chosen by the Commission for 2018 continue to be the right ones in light of the priorities identified in the Strategic Agenda and current challenges?
- Could some of these areas be adjusted in light of current developments, priorities and recent Commission proposals?
- Within those priority areas, are there initiatives that could usefully be included in the Work Programme for 2019, in particular before the end of the legislative term 2014-2019?
- Are there other areas or initiatives which would deserve further attention?

¹ OJ L123, 12.5.2016, p.1-14

² 15546/17

³ OJ C446, 29.12.2017, p. 1-3