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Subject:	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Union Resettlement Framework and amending Regulation (EU) No 516/2014 of the European Parliament and the Council Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on standards for the qualification of third-country nationals or stateless persons as beneficiaries of international protection, for a uniform status for refugees or for persons eligible for subsidiary protection and for the content of the protection granted and amending Council Directive 2003/109/EC of 25 November 2003 concerning the status of third-country nationals who are long-term residents Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a common procedure for international protection in the Union and repealing Directive 2013/32/EU Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down standards for the reception of applicants for international protection (recast) - Optional consultation of the European Economic and Social Committee and of the Committee of the Regions

1. On 13 July 2016, the Commission submitted to the Council the abovementioned proposals.

2. The proposals are based on Articles 78(2) and 79(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, which do not require the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee and of the Committee of the Regions. Nevertheless, the Commission proposes to consult these bodies.
 3. In view of the subject matter of the proposals, it is deemed appropriate to consult the Committees on all four proposals.
 4. Coreper is therefore invited to decide, pursuant to Articles 304 and 307 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and to Article 19(7)(h) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, to consult the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the abovementioned proposals, and to request the Committees to give their opinion as soon as possible.
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