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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
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Subject:	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) No. 1141/2014 of the European Parliament and the Council of 22 October 2014 on the statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations *- Optional consultation of the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and the Court of Auditors*

1. On 13 September 2017, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) No. 1141/2014 of the European Parliament and the Council of 22 October 2014 on the statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations[1].

2. In its proposal, the Commission suggests that the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and the Court of Auditors be consulted[2].

[1] 12308/17

[2] The sole purpose of this note is to decide on the consultation of another institution/body and not on the substance.

3. Article 224 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, on which the proposal is based, does not require neither the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee, nor that of the Committee of the Regions, nor that of the European Court of Auditors.

4. Nevertheless, given the subject matter of the proposal, it is considered appropriate to follow the suggestions of the Commission and to consult the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and the European Court of Auditors on an optional basis.

5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to decide, in accordance with Articles 287, 304 and 307 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and Article 19(7)(h) of the Council's Rules of Procedure[3], to consult the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and the European Court of Auditors on the above proposal and to request them to give their opinion as soon as possible.

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[3] Council Decision 2009/937/EU of 1 December 2009 adopting the Council's Rules of Procedure, OJ L 325, 11/12/2009, p. 35.