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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject:	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a common framework for media services in the internal market (European Media Freedom Act) and amending Directive 2010/13/EU – Optional consultation of the Committee of the Regions

1. On 16 September 2022, the Commission submitted to the Council, based on Article 114 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), its proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a common framework for media services in the internal market (European Media Freedom Act) and amending Directive 2010/13/EU¹.
2. Although a consultation is not required by the Treaties², the Commission suggested that the Committee of the Regions should be consulted³.
3. On 28 October 2022 and via an informal silence procedure, the Cultural Affairs Committee agreed on the suggestion to consult the Committee of the Regions.

¹ Doc. 12413/22 – 2022/0277(COD)

² Pursuant to Article 114(1) TFEU, the Economic and Social Committee (EESC) must be consulted, and hence the EESC consultation procedure has already been launched

³ See on page 16 of the Commission proposal

4. On that basis, and in accordance with Article 307 of the TFEU and Article 19(7)(h) of the Rules of Procedure of the Council⁴, the Permanent Representatives Committee is asked to:

- launch a consultation of the Committee of the Regions on the above proposal; and
 - invite the Committee of the Regions to give their opinion as soon as possible.
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⁴ Council Decision 2009/937/EU of 1 December 2009 adopting the Rules of Procedure of the Council (OJ L 325, 11.12.2009, p. 35-61).