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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on railway safety (recast) (First reading) - Adoption a) of the Council's position b) of the statement of the Council's reasons

1. On 31 January 2013 the Commission sent its proposal[1], based on Article 91(1) of the TFEU, to the Council.

2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 10 July 2013[2]. The Committee of the Regions delivered its opinion on 8 October 2013[3].

3. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on 26 February 2014[4].

1 6014/13.
2 OJ C 327, 12.11.2013, p. 122.
3 OJ C 356, 05.12.2013, p. 92.
4 6822/14.

4. In accordance with the provisions of Article 294 of the TFEU and the "Joint Declaration on practical arrangements for the codecision procedure"[1], a number of informal contacts have taken place between the Council, the European Parliament and the Commission, resulting in an agreement on the text of the Council's position at first reading[2].

5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is asked to suggest that the Council:

- adopt the Council's position at first reading as set out in 10580/15 and the statement of reasons as set out in 10580/15 ADD 1 as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with the Polish delegation abstaining;

- order that the statements in Addenda 1 and 2 to this note be entered in the minutes of that meeting;

- decide to publish the statement set out in Addendum 1 in the Official Journal of the European Union together with the legislative act.

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[1] OJ C 145, 30.6.2007, p.5

[2] In accordance with the letter of 24 November 2015 sent by the Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on Transport and Tourism to the Chair of Coreper, the European Parliament should, at second reading, approve the Council's position at first reading without amendment.