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'I' ITEM NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)
Subject:	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 on European statistics - Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament

I. INTRODUCTION

1. On 10 July 2023, the Commission adopted its proposal amending Regulation (EU) No 223/2009 on European Statistics (2023/0237 (COD)).
2. The proposal is based on Article 338(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and is subject to the ordinary legislative procedure.
3. The general objective of the proposal is to make the legal framework governing European statistics fit for the future and to significantly improve the responsiveness of the European Statistical System (ESS) to data needs. The aim is that the ESS is able to produce statistics that are more relevant, available more promptly, and more detailed. This will improve efficiency and reduce the costs and burdens on the Member States and survey respondents. This proposal also seeks to provide a mechanism and tools for the ESS to react swiftly and in a collective and coordinated manner to urgent data demands in times of crises.

II. STATE OF PLAY

4. The Working Party on Statistics examined the proposal to amend Regulation 223/2009 at four meetings (19 July, 6 September, 4 and 25 October).

5. The compromise proposal on the amendment of Regulation 223/2009 as set out in document ST 14677/23 was supported by the majority of delegations, with only one delegation expressing major concerns.

III. CONCLUSION

6. In view of the above, it is suggested that the Committee of Permanent Representatives:

– agree the negotiating mandate with regard to the proposed amendment of Regulation 223/2009, as set out in document ST 14677/23;

– invite the Presidency to start negotiations with the European Parliament, on the basis of this mandate, with a view to reaching agreement at first reading.
