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Subject: Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing an infrastructure for spatial information in the Community (INSPIRE) [first reading]

– Adoption of (cp + s)
   (a) a common position
   (b) a statement of the Council's reasons

1. On 26 July 2004 the Commission sent the Council the above proposal¹, based on Article 175(1) of the EC Treaty.

2. The Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 9 February 2005².

3. The European Parliament delivered its opinion at first reading on 7 June 2005³.

¹ 11781/04.
² OJ C 221, 8.9.2005, p. 33.
³ 9837/05.
4. At its 2670th meeting, on 24 June 2005, the Council (Environment) unanimously reached political agreement on the wording in 10553/05 as a basis for a common position on the above Directive (the recitals, which are not included in that document, have since been considered by the working party).

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

   – adopt the common position in 12064/05 and the statement of reasons in 12064/05 ADD 1 as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting;

   – have the statements in the addendum hereto entered in the minutes of that meeting.