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SUMMARY RECORD

Subject: 2568th meeting of the PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE
held in Brussels on 16 and 18 December 2015

ADDENDUM TO THE SUMMARY RECORD

DE made a statement on the following item:

33. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council setting up a Union system for supply chain due diligence self-certification of responsible importers of tin, tantalum and tungsten, their ores and gold originating in conflict-affected and high-risk areas (First reading)

= **Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament**

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"During the consultations on a Regulation setting up a Union system for supply chain due diligence self-certification of responsible importers of tin, tantalum and tungsten, their ores, and gold originating in conflict-affected and high-risk areas, DE made its position clear. DE continues to believe that binding rules are adequate to reduce conflict financing provided that they are proportionate and do not result in any (unacceptable) administrative burden especially on small and medium-sized enterprises.

However, in order not to delay the beginning of the trilogue procedure, DE will share the position of the Council majority. In view of the complexity of the dossier, which is very controversial among many stakeholders, DE wants to contribute to a feasible solution that can be accepted by as many sides as possible in the trilogue procedure."
