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On 27 July 2018, the Commission submitted to the Council a Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the action of the Union following its accession to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on the Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications[1]. This proposal is related to the Commission proposal for a Council Decision on the Union's accession to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications (the "Geneva Act")[2].

[1] 11515/18 + COR1
[2] 11510/18 + ADD1

In light of the scope of the proposed Regulation, COREPER decided to consult the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the proposed Regulation.

Delegations will find in the Annex to this note the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee on the proposed Regulation.

The Committee of the Regions informed the General Secretariat of the Council by letter of 8 January 2019 that it decided not to deliver an opinion on this proposal.