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**'I' ITEM NOTE**

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)
No. Cion doc.:	16338/23
Subject:	Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Directive (EU) 2015/2302 to make the protection of travellers more effective and to simplify and clarify certain aspects of the Directive - Optional consultation of the Committee of the Regions <sup>1</sup>

1. On 5 December 2023, the Commission submitted to the Council a Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive (EU) 2015/2302 to make the protection of travellers more effective and to simplify and clarify certain aspects of the Directive (Package Travel Directive)<sup>2</sup>.
2. The Package Travel Directive, which is based on Article 114 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), does not require the Opinion of the Committee of the Regions. However, the opinion of the Committee of the Regions was requested for the initial Directive, so it is appropriate to request it for this proposal for an amendment.

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<sup>1</sup> Insert your footnote text here.

<sup>2</sup> 16338/23.

3. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to decide, in accordance with Article 307 TFEU and Article 19(7)(h) of the Council's Rules of Procedure<sup>3</sup>, to consult the Committee of the Regions on this proposal and to request it to give its opinion as soon as possible.
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<sup>3</sup> Council Decision 2009/937/EU of 1 December 2009 adopting the Council's Rules of Procedure, OJ L 325, 11/12/2009, p. 35.