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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing an exchange, assistance and training programme for the protection of the Euro against counterfeiting (the "Pericles 2020" programme) and repealing Council Decisions 2001/923/EC, 2001/924/EC, 2006/75/EC, 2006/76/EC, 2006/849/EC and 2006/850/EC (first reading) - Adoption of the legislative act (LA)

1. On 19 December 2011 the Commission sent the above proposal¹, based on Article 133 TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Central Bank delivered its opinion on 2 March 2012².
3. In accordance with the provisions of the Joint Declaration on practical arrangements for the codecision procedure³, informal contacts were initiated between the Council, the European Parliament and the Commission with the aim of reaching agreement at first reading.

¹ 18938/11.

² OJ C 137, 12.5.12, p. 7.

³ OJ C 145, 30.6.2007, p. 5.

4. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on 11 December 2013, making one amendment to the Commission proposal. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council ¹.
5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to confirm its agreement and to suggest that the Council approve the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE-CONS 28/13, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with the Swedish delegation abstaining.

If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

After being signed by the President of the European Parliament and the President of the Council, the legislative act will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

¹ 17681/13.