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| From: | General Secretariat of the Council |
| To: | Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2) |
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| Subject: | Proposal for a DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Decision No 1313/2013/EU on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism<br>*- Optional consultation of the European Economic and Social Committee and of the Committee of the Regions* |

1. On 7 March 2019, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending the Union Civil Protection Mechanism[1].

2. In its proposal, the Commission suggests that the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions be consulted on an optional basis.

3. Article 196 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, on which the proposal is based, does not require the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee, nor that of the Committee of the Regions.[2]

[1] 7271/19.
[2] The sole purpose of this note is to decide on the consultation of another institution/body and not on the substance.

4. Nevertheless, given the subject matter of the proposal, it is considered appropriate to consult the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on an optional basis.

5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to decide, in accordance with Articles 304 and 307 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and Article 19(7)(h) of the Council's Rules of Procedure[3], to consult the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the above proposal and to request them to give their opinion as soon as possible.

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[3] Council Decision 2009/937/EU of 1 December 2009 adopting the Council's Rules of Procedure, OJ L 325, 11/12/2009, p. 35.