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Subject:	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an application for international protection lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national or a stateless person (recast) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of 'Eurodac' for the comparison of fingerprints for the effective application of [Regulation (EU) No 604/2013 establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an application for international protection lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national or a stateless person] , for identifying an illegally staying third-country national or stateless person and on requests for the comparison with Eurodac data by Member States' law enforcement authorities and Europol for law enforcement purposes (recast) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Union Agency for Asylum and repealing Regulation (EU) No 439/2010 - Optional consultation of the European Economic and Social Committee and of the Committee of the Regions

1. On 4 May 2016, the Commission submitted to the Council the abovementioned proposals.

2. The proposals are based on Articles of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, which do not require the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee and of the Committee of the Regions. In its proposal on the recast Dublin Regulation (doc. 8715/16), the Commission proposes to consult these bodies.
 3. In view of the subject matter of the proposals, it is deemed appropriate to consult the Committees on all three proposals.
 4. Coreper is therefore invited to decide, pursuant to Articles 304 and 307 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and to Article 19(7)(h) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, to consult the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the abovementioned proposals.
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