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Subject:	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on common rules for imports of textile products from certain third countries not covered by bilateral agreements, protocols or other arrangements, or by other specific Union import rules (recast) - Optional consultation of the European Economic and Social Committee

1. On 12 June 2014, the Commission presented the above mentioned proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on common rules for imports of textile products from certain third countries not covered by bilateral agreements, protocols or other arrangements, or by other specific Union import rules (recast).
2. The text of the proposal is set out in document 11536/14 STIS 1 TEXT 1 WTO 203 CODIF 8 CODEC 1562 + ADD 1.
3. The above proposal is based on Articles 207(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).

4. When submitting the above proposal, the Commission suggested to the Council to consult the European Economic and Social Committee. The procedure is in accordance with Articles 304 TFEU and Article 19(7)(h) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.
 5. In view of the above, COREPER is invited to request the European Economic and Social Committee to deliver their opinion on the Commission proposal set out in document 11536/14 STIS 1 TEXT 1 WTO 203 CODIF 8 CODEC 1562 + ADD 1 as soon as possible and at the latest by the end of December 2014.
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