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to : Committee of Permanent Representatives

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Subject : Proposal for a Directive on the protection of the euro and other currencies against counterfeiting by criminal law, repealing Council Framework Decision 2000/383/JHA  
- Optional consultation of the European Economic and Social Committee<sup>1</sup>

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1. By letter of 7 February 2013, the Commission presented the above mentioned proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of the euro and other currencies against counterfeiting by criminal law, repealing Council Framework Decision 2000/383/JHA.
2. The text of the proposal is set out in 6152/13 DROIPEN 11 JAI 81 ECOFIN 92 UEM 18 GAF 3 CODEC 268.

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<sup>1</sup> The sole purpose of this note is to decide on the consultation of the European Economic and Social Committee and not on the substance of the proposal.

3. The proposal is based on Articles 83(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).
4. In the accompanying letter to the proposal the Commission suggests to the Council to consult the European Economic and Social Committee. The procedure is in accordance with Articles 304 and 307 TFEU respectively 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 6152/13 DROIPEN 11 JAI 81 ECOFIN 92 UEM 18 GAF 3 CODEC 268 as soon as possible and at the latest by 31 May 2013.

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