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from: General Secretariat of the Council

to: Coreper (Part 2)

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Subject: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council
establishing a Registered Traveller Programme

- Optional consultation of the European Economic and Social Committee and the
Committee of the Regions

1. In its proposal of 28 February 2013 for a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council establishing a Registered Traveller Programme, the Commission proposes that the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions be consulted on an optional basis.
2. The proposed Regulation has been forwarded to the Council together with a proposal establishing an entry/exit system to register entry and exit data of third-country nationals crossing the external borders of the Member States of the European Union and a draft Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2006/562 for the purpose of the functioning of the two systems.

3. In view of the subject matter of the proposal it is deemed appropriate to consult the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions.
 4. Coreper is therefore requested to decide, in accordance with Article 304 of the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union and Article 19(7)(h) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, to ask the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions to give its opinion on the proposal as soon as possible.
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