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"I/A" ITEM NOTE

from: General Secretariat
to: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion prop.: 5656/13 UD 17
No. previous doc.: 7167/13 UD 54

Subject: Adoption of a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and the Russian Federation on drug precursors

COMMON GUIDELINES
Consultation deadline for Croatia: 17.4.2013

1. On 21 January 2013, the Commission submitted to the Council the above proposal, which aims at strengthening the cooperation between the Union and the Russian federation to prevent the diversion of drug precursors from the legal trade to counter the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs. The proposal is based on Art. 207(4) first subparagraph in conjunction with Art. 218(5) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

2. At its meeting on 27 February 2013, the Working Party on Customs Union reached agreement¹ on an amended text of this proposal.²

 3. The Permanent Representatives Committee could therefore:
 - confirm the agreement reached within the Working Party; and
 - invite the Council to adopt the Council Decision as set out in document 7767/13 UD 66 OC 167 and 8178/13 UD 72 OC 185 (texts revised by the legal-linguistic experts) as an item without discussion at one of its forthcoming meetings.
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¹ At the present stage, UK maintains a parliamentary scrutiny reservation. It is understood that this reservation will be lifted before the adoption of the above Decision by the Council.

² As laid down in doc. 7167/13 UD 54