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"I/A" ITEM NOTE

from : General Secretariat of the Council
to : Permanent Representatives Committee/ Council

No. Cion prop. : 7915/13 WTO 77 MAP 15 MI 234 + ADD1

Subject : Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol Amending the Agreement on Government Procurement
- Request by the Council for the consent of the European Parliament

COMMON GUIDELINES
Consultation deadline: 11.6.2013

1. On 22 March 2013, the Commission submitted to the Council its proposal mentioned above.
2. The proposal was examined by the Trade Policy Committee (Deputies) at its meetings on 12 and 26 April 2013 and was subsequently endorsed. In accordance with Article 218(6)(a)(v) TFEU, the Council should decide on the transmission of the draft decision to the European Parliament in order to obtain its consent.
3. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to recommend that the Council decide, as an "A" item, to forward the draft Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol Amending the Agreement on Government Procurement and the said Protocol, as finalised by the Legal Linguistic experts and set out in documents 7917/13 WTO 79 MAP 17 MI 236 OC 169 and 7918/13 WTO 80 MAP 18 MI 237 OC 170, to the European Parliament for its consent.