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ENFOPOL 235  
MI 626  
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**"I/A" ITEM NOTE**

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from:	General Secretariat
to:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion prop.:	7933/13 GENVAL 19 CRIMORG 49 ENFOPOL 90 MI 242 + COR 1 + COR 2
Subject:	Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime - Request by the Council for the consent of the European Parliament

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1. On 22 March 2013, the Commission submitted to the Council the above proposal, which aims at:
  - approving, on behalf of the European Union, the Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime;

- authorising the President of the Council to designate the person empowered to deposit, on behalf of the European Union, the instrument of approval.

The proposal is based on Articles 114 and 207(4) first subparagraph in conjunction with Art. 218(6)(a) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).

2. At its meeting on 18 June 2013, the Working Party on Customs Union reached an agreement on an amended version of this proposal, as set out in doc. 12321/13
3. Under these circumstances and in accordance with Article 218(6) of the TFEU, the Council should decide on the transmission of the draft decision to the European Parliament in order to obtain its consent.
4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to suggest to the Council to decide, in part "A" of the agenda of a forthcoming meeting, to forward the draft decision and the draft agreement as contained in document 12324/13 UD 187 GENVAL 52 CRIMORG 101 ENFOPOL 241 MI 642 COARM 116 (text finalised by the legal/linguistic experts) to the European Parliament for its consent.

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