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To:	Coreper
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Subject:	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1215/2012 on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters - Optional consultation of the European Economic and Social Committee

1. On 26 July 2013 the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1215/2012 on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters.
2. The proposal which is based on Article 67(4) and points (a), (c) and (e) of Article 81(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union does not require the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee. Nevertheless, the Commission proposes to consult that body on an optional basis.

3. In view of the subject matter of the proposal it is deemed appropriate to consult the European Economic and Social Committee.
 4. Coreper is therefore invited to decide, pursuant to Article 304 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and to Article 19(7)(h) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, to consult the European Economic and Social Committee on the above proposal and to request the Committee to give its opinion as soon as possible.
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