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from :	General Secretariat
to :	Permanent Representatives Committee - Part I
No. Cion prop. :	17489/11 COMPET 553 IND 152 MI 605 COM(2011) 834 final
Subject :	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council establishing a Programme for the Competitiveness of Enterprises and small and medium-sizes enterprises (2014-2020) - Optional consultation of the Committee of the Regions ¹

1. On 2 December 2011, the Commission submitted to the Council the following proposal:
Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council establishing a Programme for the Competitiveness of Enterprises and small and medium-sizes enterprises (2014-2020).²
2. The above proposal is based on the TFEU Titles "Industry" and "Tourism" (Articles 173 and 195), as the activities foreseen in it fall under those covered by these Titles.

¹ The sole purpose of this Note is to decide on the consultation of another institution/body and not on the substance.

² 17489/11.

3. Following Article 173(3) TFEU, the proposal is to be adopted by the European Parliament and the Council in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure after consultation of the Economic and Social Committee. Thus, the Opinion of the Committee of the Regions is not required. However, the Presidency considers that, given the nature of the issues covered by the proposal for a Regulation, it appears appropriate to also consult the Committee of the Regions on the present proposal.
 4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to decide, in accordance with Article 19(7)(h) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, to consult the Committee of the Regions on the above proposal and to request it to give its opinion as soon as possible.
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