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to : Permanent Representatives Committee

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Subject : Proposal for a Council Decision on the adoption of a Supplementary Research Programme for the ITER project (2014-2018)  
- Optional consultation of the European Parliament and the European Economic and Social Committee<sup>1</sup>

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1. On 21 December 2011 the Commission submitted to the Council the Proposal for a Council Decision on the adoption of a Supplementary Research Programme for the ITER project (2014-2018)<sup>2</sup>.
2. The purpose of the Proposal is to define the funding arrangement for the EU contribution to the ITER project for the period of 2014-2018 through a Supplementary Research Programme under the Euratom Treaty.

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

<sup>2</sup> 5058/12.

3. The legal basis for the Supplementary Research Programme is provided for in Article 7 of the Euratom Treaty. This Article provides for the Council to act unanimously on a proposal from the Commission. Thus, the Opinions of the European Parliament and of the European Economic and Social Committee are not required. However, it may be recalled that the European Parliament and the European Economic and Social Committee were consulted on the proposals concerning the Seventh Euratom Framework Programme as well as on the proposals providing for its continuation, into which the funding of the ITER project was previously integrated. For the sake of consistency it therefore appears appropriate to consult the European Parliament and the Economic and Social Committee 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 European Parliament and the Economic and Social Committee on the above Proposal and to request them to give their opinions as soon as possible.

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