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from:	General Secretariat of the Council
to:	COREPER/Council
Subject:	Draft Commission Regulation (EU) No .../... of XXX amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1165/98 concerning short-term statistics and Commission Regulations (EC) No 1503/2006, (EC) No 657/2007 and (EC) No 1178/2008 as regards adaptations related to the removal of the industrial new orders variables - Decision not to oppose the draft measures proposed by the Commission (regulatory procedure with scrutiny)

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1. On 13 February 2012, the Commission submitted to the Council the above draft regulation of [...] amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1165/98 concerning short-term statistics and Commission Regulations (EC) No 1503/2006, (EC) No 657/2007 and (EC) No 1178/2008 as regards adaptations related to the removal of the industrial new orders variables set out in document 7321/12 STATIS 18 UEM 51 ECOFIN 227 ECO 29, drawn up under the regulatory procedure with scrutiny, introduced by Council Decision 2006/512/EC. The measures provided for in the draft regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the European Statistical System Committee.

2. Under the procedure in Article 5a(3) of Council Decision 1999/468/EC<sup>1</sup>, such draft measures are submitted for scrutiny by the European Parliament and the Council before being formally adopted by the Commission. Acting by a qualified majority within three months from the date of referral to it, the Council may oppose the adoption of the draft measures by the Commission, if those measures exceed the implementing powers provided for in the basic instrument, are not compatible with the aim or content of the basic instrument or do not comply with the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality.
3. Following an informal written procedure, the Working Party on Statistics agreed not to oppose the draft measures in question.
4. COREPER could therefore:
  - confirm the agreement reached by the Working Party.
  - suggest that the Council decide at a forthcoming meeting not to oppose the draft measures proposed by the Commission, as set out in document 7321/12.

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<sup>1</sup> Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission (OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23), as amended by Decision 2006/512/EC (OJ L 200, 22.7.2006, p. 11).