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from: General Secretariat of the Council
to: Coreper (Part I)

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Subject: Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the enforcement of Directive 96/71/EC concerning the posting of workers in the framework of the provision of services
- Optional consultation of the European Economic and Social Committee and of the Committee of the Regions¹

1. On 21 March 2012, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the enforcement of Directive 96/71/EC concerning the posting of workers in the framework of the provision of services.
2. The proposal, which is based on Articles 53(1) and 62 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, does not require the opinions of the European Economic and Social Committee and of the Committee of the Regions. Nevertheless, the Commission proposes to consult these bodies on an optional basis.

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

3. In view of the subject matter of the proposal, it is deemed appropriate to consult the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions.

4. Coreper is therefore invited to decide, pursuant to Article 304 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU and to Article 19(7)(h) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, to consult the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the above proposal and to request the Committees to give their opinions as soon as possible.
