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Subject : Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Hercule III programme to promote activities in the field of the protection of the European Union's financial interests (**first reading**)

1. On 19 December 2011, the Commission transmitted the above mentioned proposal for a Regulation to the European Parliament and to the Council which is part of the package submitted in the context of the multiannual financial framework 2014-2020.
2. This proposal is based on Article 325 TFEU (ordinary legislative procedure).

The Court of Auditors will deliver its opinion in due course.

3. The Working Party on Combating Fraud examined the Commission proposal at its meetings between February and May 2012 and was able to agree¹ on the text in the Addendum to this note as a basis for negotiations with the European Parliament.
4. Some budgetary provisions of the proposed Regulation related to the ongoing negotiations on the next MFF are not included in the scope of this outcome of proceedings at this stage. They appear in the text between square brackets.
5. This note and its Addendum are submitted to the Permanent Representatives Committee with the aim of giving the Presidency a mandate to establish contacts with the European Parliament on the basis of the text recorded in Addendum to this note.

¹ FR maintaining a parliamentary scrutiny reserve.