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from:	General Secretariat of the Council
to:	Coreper/Council
Subject:	Draft Council Conclusions inviting the introduction of the European Legislation Identifier (ELI) - Adoption

1. At its meeting on 20 December 2011, the Working Party on e-Law (e-Law) agreed to examine, in the context of a non task force, an optional system, called the European Legislation Identifier, aimed at providing a flexible and unique way to reference legislation across different legal systems and paving the way for a semantic web of Legal Gazettes and Official Journals.
2. A non task force, composed of Luxembourg, Denmark, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Finland, France, Italy, the Council General Secretariat and the Publications Office of the European Union, met on 22 March 2012 and 2 May 2012, and established a framework for ELI.
3. This framework for ELI was presented to the Working Party on e-Law (e-Law) in 10960/12 ADD 1, together with draft Council conclusions in 10960/12.

4. On 26 June 2012, the Working Party on e-Law (e-Law) examined these documents and discussed the attached draft conclusions proposing the introduction of the European Legislation Identifier. Written comments have been submitted by delegations and included in 13401/12.

5. In the light of the above Coreper/Council is invited to:
 - (a) agree on the draft Council conclusions as set out in 13401/12; and
 - (b) agree on the publication of the Council conclusions in the Official Journal, part C.
