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| From:          | General Secretariat of the Council                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| To:            | Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| No. Cion doc.: | 5752/16 COMER 5 WTO 20 MAP 5 MI 51 CODEC 111                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Subject:       | Amended proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the access of third-country goods and services to the Union's internal market in public procurement and procedures supporting negotiations on access of Union goods and services to the public procurement markets of third countries<br>- Optional consultation of the Committee of the Regions |

1. On 29 January 2016, the Commission submitted to the Council the above-mentioned amended proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the access of third-country goods and services to the Union's internal market in public procurement and procedures supporting negotiations on access of Union goods and services to the public procurement markets of third countries.
2. The text of the proposal is set out in document 5752/16 COMER 5 WTO 20 MAP 5 MI 51 CODEC 111.
3. The above proposal is based on Article 207 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).

4. When submitting the above amended proposal, the Commission suggested to the Council to consult the Committee of the Regions<sup>1</sup>. The procedure is in accordance with Article 307 TFEU and Article 19(7)(h) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.
5. In view of the above, COREPER is invited to request the Committee of the Regions to deliver its opinion on the Commission amended proposal set out in document 5752/16 COMER 5 WTO 20 MAP 5 MI 51 CODEC 111 as soon as possible.

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<sup>1</sup> Upon consultation by the European Parliament and the Commission, the European Economic and Social Committee adopted its Opinion at its 516<sup>th</sup> plenary session, held on 27-28 April 2016.