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Subject: Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion of Revision 3 of the Agreement of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe concerning the adoption of uniform technical prescriptions for wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts which can be fitted and/or used on wheeled vehicles and the conditions for the reciprocal recognition of approvals granted on the basis of these prescriptions ('Revised 1958 Agreement')
- Adoption

1. On 27 October 2015 the Commission submitted to the Council the above proposal.
2. The Revised 1958 Agreement is the key instrument setting out the international framework for the harmonisation of technical regulations in the automotive sector. The present proposal aims at the conclusion of the Revision 3 of this Agreement. This Revision introduces certain changes which will address the procedures for developing, amending and adopting technical regulations for motor vehicles as well as their implementation by the Contracting Parties and the conditions for granting type approvals and their mutual recognition.

3. The Working Party on Technical Harmonisation (Motor Vehicles) examined this proposal on 15 December 2015 and on 18 January and 3 February 2016. At this last meeting a majority of delegations indicated that they could agree in principle to the proposed Council Decision and to submit the text to Coreper in order to initiate the procedure for the consent of the European Parliament as provided for in Article 218(6)(a) TFEU.
 4. On 26 February 2016 the Permanent Representatives Committee agreed to suggest to the Council to forward the text of this Decision, as set out in document 13954/15 following its finalisation by the lawyer-linguists, to the European Parliament for its consent.
 5. On 4 March 2016 the Council decided to request the consent of the European Parliament. A letter with this request was addressed to the European Parliament on 8 March 2016.
 6. The European Parliament's plenary voted on 7 July 2016 giving its consent for this Decision with an overwhelming majority of 589 votes in favour, 46 against and 11 abstentions (EP document P8_TA-PROV(2016)0239).
 7. **The Permanent Representatives Committee is invited therefore to suggest to the Council to adopt, in part "A" of its agenda at a forthcoming meeting, the text of this Decision as set out in document 13954/15 + COR 1.**
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