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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)
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Subject:	Proposal for a Council Regulation on jurisdiction, the recognition and enforcement of decisions in matrimonial matters and the matters of parental responsibility, and on international child abduction (recast) - Optional consultation of the European Economic and Social Committee <sup>1</sup>

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1. On 30 June 2016 the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Regulation on jurisdiction, the recognition and enforcement of decisions in matrimonial matters and the matters of parental responsibility, and on international child abduction (recast).
2. The proposal which is based on Article 81(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union does not require the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee. Nevertheless, the Commission proposes to consult that body on an optional basis.
3. In view of the subject matter of the proposal it is deemed appropriate to consult the European Economic and Social Committee.

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

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