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1. On 9 June 2016, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for Directive of the European Parliament and the Council on the conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals for the purposes of highly skilled employment (doc. 10012/16 + ADD 1-7).
2. The proposal is based on Article 79 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, which does not require the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee and of the Committee of the Regions. Nevertheless, the Commission proposes to consult these bodies.
3. In view of the subject matter of the proposal, it may be appropriate to consult the Committees on this proposal.

4. Coreper is therefore invited to decide, pursuant to Articles 304 and 307 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 and the Committee of the Regions on the abovementioned proposal, and to request the Committees to give their opinion as soon as possible.
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