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To: Mr Jeppe TRANHOLM-MIKKELSEN, Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union

Subject: Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee
Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1920/2006 as regards information exchange, early warning system and risk assessment procedure on new psychoactive substances
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Delegations will find attached document the Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee on the above Commission proposal.

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Consultation	Council, 07/09/2016
Legal basis	Article 148(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union
Section responsible	Employment, Social Affairs and Citizenship
Adopted in plenary	19/10/2016
Plenary session No	520
Outcome of vote (for/against/abstentions)	228/2/5

Since the Committee unreservedly endorses the content of the proposal and has already set out its views on the subject in its Opinion on new psychoactive substances (EESC-2013-06166-00-00-AC-TRA), adopted on 21 January 2014^{*}, it decided, at its 520th plenary session of 19 and 20 October 2016 (meeting of 19 October) to issue an opinion endorsing the proposed text and to refer to the position it had taken in the above-mentioned document.

Brussels, 19 October 2016

Georges DASSIS
The President of the European Economic and Social Committee

* EESC Opinion SOC/597 on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on new psychoactive substances, COM(2013) 619 final – 2013/0305 (COD), COM(2013) 618 final – 2013/0304 (COD), [OJ C 177, 11.6.2014, pp. 52 to 57](#).