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| Subject: | Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Hercule III programme to promote activities in the field of the protection of the European Union's financial interests (first reading) - Approval of the final compromise text with a view to a first reading agreement with the European Parliament |

1. On 19 December 2011, the Commission transmitted to the European Parliament and to the Council the above mentioned proposal for a Regulation, which is part of the package submitted in the context of the multiannual financial framework 2014-2020¹.
2. As a result of a series of trilogues held between February and October 2013, the European Parliament and the Council agreed on the compromise text set out in the addendum to this note.

¹ The Court of Auditors delivered its opinion on 20 June 2012 (OJ C 201, 7.7.2012, p.1).

3. At its meetings on 10 October and 8 November 2013, the Working Party on Combating Fraud examined this compromise text.
 4. Following that examination, the Working Party on Combating Fraud agreed, by a qualified majority, to invite the Permanent Representatives Committee to:
 - approve the final compromise text set out in the addendum to this note;
 - confirm that the Presidency can indicate to the European Parliament that, should the European Parliament adopt its position at first reading in the exact form set out in the addendum to this note, the Council would approve the European Parliament's position and the act shall be adopted in the wording which corresponds to the European Parliament's position, subject to revision by the legal linguists of both institutions.
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