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1. In the above-mentioned proposal, the Commission suggests that the European Economic and Social Committee be consulted on an optional basis¹.
2. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to decide, in accordance with Article 304 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and Article 19(7)(h) of the Council's Rules of Procedure², to consult the European Economic and Social Committee on the above proposal and to request it to give its opinion as soon as possible.

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

² Council Decision 2009/937/EU of 1 December 2009 adopting the Council's Rules of Procedure, OJ L 325, 11/12/2009, p. 35 - 61.