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Subject: Commission delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 2.2.2017 on the adaptation of Annex III to Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Union guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network
- Decision to extend the time-limit for raising objections to a delegated act

1. The Commission has submitted the above delegated act to the Council in accordance with the procedure set out in Article 290 TFEU and Articles 49(6) and 53 of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 on Union guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network and repealing Decision No 661/2010/EU¹.
2. The Commission notified the delegated act to the Council on 2 February 2017, hence the Council has two months' time, i.e. until 1 April 2017, to object to it.

¹ Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on Union guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network and repealing Decision No 661/2010/EU (OJ L 348, 20.12.2013, p.1.).

3. In the context of a silence procedure², the Cyprus delegation requested at the meeting of the Land Transport Working Party of 7 March 2017, that the deadline for raising objections to the delegated act be extended by two months, due to the sensitive and highly political nature of one of the elements contained in the delegated act, necessitating its complex evaluation³. The Greek delegation supported this request.
4. Subsequently, a silence procedure launched at the Working Party revealed that the request put forward by the Cyprus delegation could be accepted by the other delegations.
5. It is therefore suggested that the Permanent Representatives Committee invites the Council to decide to extend the time-limit for raising objections by two months, i.e. until 1 June 2017, in accordance with Article 53(5) of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013.
6. The Commission and the European Parliament are to be informed accordingly.

² Doc. 6370/17.

³ Doc. 7054/17.