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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 1101/89, Regulations (EC) No 2888/2000 and (EC) No 685/2001 – General approach

1. The Commission submitted the above-mentioned proposal for a Regulation on 29 November 2016.
2. The proposal was submitted in the context of the Commission's REFIT programme and commitment on better regulation. The Commission identified three regulations as being obsolete. The three regulations cover arrangements for structural improvements in the inland waterway sector; distribution quotas for heavy goods vehicles which the Union received from Switzerland; and authorisations for access for Member States to the haulage market in Bulgaria and Romania.
3. On 29 March 2017, the European Economic and Social Committee adopted an opinion largely endorsing the proposal.

4. The proposal was presented by the Commission to the Shipping Working Party on 13 March 2017 and was recalled by the Presidency at the Land Transport Working Party on 14 March 2017. Furthermore, Member States were invited to indicate by 31 March 2017 in case they had any remarks regarding the proposal. No remarks were made and therefore the Presidency considers that the proposal could be accepted, subject to legal-linguistic revision, as presented in document 15197/16.
 5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to endorse the General Approach on the draft regulation as presented in document 15197/16 and to submit it for approval at the General Affairs Council on 25 April 2017.
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