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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 laying down common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action (**first reading**)  
- Adoption of the legislative act (**LA + S**)

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1. On 9 December 2011 the Commission submitted the above proposal<sup>1</sup>, based on Articles 209(1) and 212(2) of the TFEU, to the Council.

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<sup>1</sup> 18725/11.

2. The Committee of the Regions delivered its opinion on 9 October 2012<sup>2</sup>.
3. In accordance with the provisions of the Joint Declaration on practical arrangements for the codecision procedure<sup>3</sup>, informal contacts were initiated between the Council, the European Parliament and the Commission with the aim of reaching agreement at first reading.
4. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on 11 December 2013, making one amendment to the Commission proposal. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council<sup>4</sup>.
5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to confirm its agreement and to suggest that the Council:
  - approve the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE-CONS 130/13, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with the United Kingdom delegation voting against;
  - order that the statements in Addenda 1 and 2 to this note be entered in the minutes of that meeting;
  - decide to publish the statements set out in Addendum 1 in the Official Journal of the European Union together with the legislative act.

If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

After being signed by the President of the European Parliament and the President of the Council, the legislative act will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

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<sup>2</sup> OJ C 391, 18.12.2012, p. 110.

<sup>3</sup> OJ C 145, 30.6.2007, p. 5.

<sup>4</sup> 17508/13.