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Subject: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 531/2012 as regards rules for wholesale roaming markets (First reading)
- Information from the Presidency on the state of play

1. On 15 June 2016, the Commission adopted and transmitted to the Council and to the European Parliament the above-mentioned proposal which regulates the wholesale roaming markets, in view of the introduction on 15 June 2017 of the roam-like-at-home (RLAH) principle foreseen by Regulation (EU) 2015/2120. This initiative should ensure that the level of wholesale roaming charges enables the sustainable provision of RLAH in the Union without distorting the domestic visited and home markets.
2. The TTE (Telecom) Council, at its meeting on 2 December 2016, adopted a General Approach which proposed a declining glide-path for data and a wholesale sustainability mechanism. This provided the starting point for negotiations with Parliament which resulted in a final political agreement established with the Parliament on 31 January.
3. The text of this Regulation has now been finalised and will be published in the Official Journal of European Union of 9 June. This means that from 15 June the principle of roam-like-at-home will be achieved for our citizens.