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Subject:	Draft Council Decision on the open data policy of the Council and the reuse of Council documents - Adoption

1. The European Union Open Data Portal was set up by the European Commission in April 2013. It aims to be a single point of access to data from the institutions and other bodies of the EU.
2. To date, the Council has participated in the EU Portal through pilot projects. While these initiatives have been a success, the development of an open data policy for the General Secretariat of the Council is now necessary.
3. To this end, the General Secretariat of the Council has submitted a draft text on 8 May 2017 (8627/17), which has been debated and approved in the Working Party on Information.
4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to recommend that the Council adopt the draft Council Decision on the open data policy of the Council and the reuse of Council documents as set out in 11563/17, as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting.