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Subject: Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION amending Council Decision No 189/2014/EU authorising France to apply a reduced rate of certain indirect taxes on 'traditional' rum produced in Guadeloupe, French Guiana, Martinique and Réunion and repealing Decision No 2007/659/EC

1. On 9 June 2017, the Commission submitted the above-mentioned proposal to the Council.
2. On 3 July 2017, the Working Party on Outermost Regions examined the proposal. All delegations agreed to the proposal as amended by the Council Legal Service¹.
3. On 24 October 2017, the European Parliament adopted its opinion on the proposal without suggesting any amendment².

¹ FR, PL and UK entered parliamentary reservations which were lifted in the meantime.

² (Not yet published in the Official Journal)

4. It is therefore suggested that the Permanent Representatives Committee invites the Council to adopt the draft Council Decision, as set out in document 13338/17 after finalisation by the Lawyer Linguists, as an "A" item at one of its upcoming meetings.
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