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From: General Secretariat of the Council

To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) No .../... of XXX  
amending the annexes to Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European  
Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of a common classification  
of territorial units for statistics (NUTS)  
- Decision not to oppose the draft measures proposed by the Commission  
(regulatory procedure with scrutiny)

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1. On 6 March 2014, the Commission submitted to the Council the above draft regulation of [...] amending the annexes to Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS)<sup>1</sup>. The measures provided for in the draft regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the European Statistical System Committee.

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<sup>1</sup> 7947/14 + ADD1

2. Under the procedure in Article 5a(3) of Council Decision 1999/468/EC<sup>2</sup>, such draft measures are submitted for scrutiny by the European Parliament and the Council before being formally adopted by the Commission. Acting by a qualified majority within three months from the date of referral to it, the Council may oppose the adoption of the draft measures by the Commission, if those measures exceed the implementing powers provided for in the basic instrument, are not compatible with the aim or content of the basic instrument or do not comply with the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality.
3. Member States have been consulted in a written procedure ending on 3 April 2014. That consultation showed that no delegations<sup>3</sup> intended to oppose the draft measures in question.
4. The Permanent Representatives Committee could therefore invite the Council to decide not to oppose the draft Commission regulation, as set out in document 7947/14 + ADD1.

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<sup>2</sup> Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission (OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23), as amended by Decision 2006/512/EC (OJ L 200, 22.7.2006, p. 11).

<sup>3</sup> Some delegations had linguistic remarks. Those comments have been forwarded to the Commission for further handling.