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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)/Council
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Subject:	Commission Delegated Directive ../.../EU of 13.3.2014 amending, for the purposes of adapting to technical progress, Annex III to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for mercury in hand crafted luminous discharge tubes (HLDTs) used for signs, decorative or architectural and specialist lighting and light-artwork - Intention not to raise objection to a delegated act

1. The Commission has submitted the above delegated act¹ to the Council in accordance with the procedure set out in Article 290 TFEU and in Article 5(1)(a) of Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment². The Commission having notified the delegated act on 14 March 2014, the Council may object to it until 14 May 2014.

¹ Doc. 7906/14 + ADD 1.

² OJ L 174, 1.7.2011, p. 88.

2. The Working Party on Environment has examined the delegated act and agreed that there are no grounds for the Council to object it.

 3. It is therefore suggested that Coreper recommend that the Council confirm that it has no intention to object to the delegated act and that the Commission and the European Parliament are to be informed thereof. This implies that, unless the European Parliament objects to it, the delegated act shall be published and enter into force on the twentieth day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union in accordance with Article 3 of the Delegated Directive.
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