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Subject: Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Year of Development (2015)  
= Optional consultation of the European Economic and Social Committee and of the Committee of the Regions<sup>1</sup>

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1. In the above-mentioned proposal, the Commission proposes that the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions are consulted on an optional basis.
2. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to decide, in accordance with Article 307 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and Article 19(7)(h) of the Council's Rules of Procedure<sup>2</sup>, to consult the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the above Proposal and to request them to give their opinions as soon as possible.

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<sup>1</sup> The sole purpose of this note is to decide on the consultation of another institution/body and not on the substance.

<sup>2</sup> Council Decision 2009/937/EU of 1 December 2009 adopting the Council's Rules of Procedure, OJ L 325, 11/12/2009, p. 35 - 61.