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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)/Council
Subject: Proposal for a Council Decision establishing the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union with regard to proposals for amendment of the Appendices of the Convention on the conservation of migratory species of wild animals with a view to the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties
- Adoption

1. The Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (also known as CMS or the Bonn Convention) aims to conserve terrestrial, marine and avian migratory species throughout their range. The EU has been a Party to the CMS since 1 November 1983.
2. The Council received the abovementioned proposal on 8 May 2014 *. In this proposal the Commission asks for the Council's authorisation to submit amendments to the appendices to the CMS with a view to the 11th Conference of the Parties to the CMS that will take place from 4 to 9 November 2014 in Quito (Ecuador). According to Articles X and XI of the Convention, proposals for amendments to the Appendices must reach the Secretariat of the CMS no later than 6 June 2014.

* Doc. 9646/2014 - COM(2014) 267 final.

3. The Commission presented the proposal to the Working Party on the Environment at its meeting on 12 May 2014. Subsequently, the Presidency prepared a draft Council Decision and invited delegations to send their comments.
4. The revised text of the draft Decision, as set out in document 10036/14 (text finalised by the Jurist-Linguists in the Quality of Legislation Directorate), should be acceptable to all delegations.
5. It would therefore be appropriate for the Committee of Permanent Representatives to recommend that the Council, at one of its forthcoming sessions:
 - a) adopts the draft Decision as an "A" item; and
 - b) decides to inform the European Parliament of the adoption.

