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From: General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on appliances burning gaseous fuels
- *General approach*

I. INTRODUCTION

1. On 13 May 2014 the Commission transmitted to the Council its proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on appliances burning gaseous fuels.
2. This Regulation aims at aligning the provisions of the existing Directive 2009/142/EC to the New Legislative framework, at the same time updating some provisions to new technical developments, while the safety requirements will essentially stay the same.
3. The European Economic and Social Committee has delivered its opinion on 10 September 2014¹. An opinion by the Committee of the Regions has not been requested.

¹ doc. INT/748.

4. The European Parliament has not yet given its position at first reading on this file.
5. The Permanent Representatives Committee of 10 December 2014, agreed on a general approach with regard to the proposed Regulation, as set out in document 16259/1/14 REV 1.

II. CONCLUSION

6. Therefore, the Council is invited to:
 - confirm the general approach with regard to the proposed Regulation, as set out in document 16259/1/14 REV 1; and
 - mandate the Presidency to conduct negotiations with the European Parliament on the basis of the agreed general approach with a view to reaching an agreement at first reading.
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