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from: Permanent Representatives Committee
to: Council

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Subject: Proposal for a Council Decision determining the composition of the
Committee of the Regions

1. On 12 June 2014, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council decision determining the composition of the committee (10979/14). It suggests decreasing the number of members of the committee by reducing the number of members from Luxembourg, Cyprus and Estonia by one seat for each delegation. The proposal is based on the second subparagraph of Article 305 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU). Unanimity is required to adopt the Council Decision.
2. Pursuant to Article 305 TFEU the number of members of the Committee of the Regions shall not exceed 350. However, Article 24(1) of the Treaty on the accession of the Republic of Croatia temporarily increased the number of members to 353, namely until the current term of office of the Committee¹ comes to an end on 25 January 2015. As from the new term of office the transitional increase ceases to apply and the number of members must be decreased by 3 seats, to a maximum 350.

¹ OJ L 112, 24.4. 2012.

3. As the Committee of the Regions' mandate expires on 25 January 2015, launching the reappointment procedure needs to be done without delay, in order to allow its renewal and a seamless functioning of the Committee.
4. Coreper discussed Presidency compromise texts at its meetings on 8 October and 9 December 2014 and reached an agreement on the text as amended.
5. Council is invited to endorse the agreement reached at Coreper and to adopt the text of the draft Decision on the composition of the Committee of the Regions set out in doc. 16808/14 CDR 118 INST 620 AG 24, as finalised by the legal linguistic experts.
