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At its meeting on 16 December 2014, the Council (General Affairs) adopted Council Conclusions on Multiannual Programming and Legislative Planning, as set out in the Annex.

Further, the Council discussed the text of a draft Joint Declaration on Multiannual Programming and Legislative Planning and invited the Presidency to pursue negotiations with the other institutions on that basis.

Council conclusions
on Multiannual Programming and Legislative Planning

The Council welcomes the intense and fruitful dialogue that has taken place with the Commission around the 2015 Commission Work Programme. This sets a good starting point for our future cooperation and will be further developed over the next years.

Recalling the existence of a structured dialogue between the European Parliament and the Commission, the Council will engage with the Commission to define appropriate modalities for the Council to provide inputs to the preparation of the annual work programme of the Commission and to monitor its implementation.

The Council looks forward to strengthening overall inter-institutional cooperation by ensuring a more rapid and efficient legislative process while preserving the quality of legislation.

To this end, the Council will endeavour to pursue work with the Commission and the European Parliament with a view to establishing a political framework for EU annual and multiannual programming by 2015. In the meantime, the Council looks forward to enhancing its cooperation with the European Parliament and invites the Commission to engage in a dialogue with the Council on the next annual work programme, in the spirit of this possible future agreement.
