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To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: Proposal for a Council Decision establishing the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union within the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention as regards the amendments of Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for certain hazardous chemicals and pesticides in international trade  
- Adoption

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1. The Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade entered into force on 24 February 2004. The commitments set out in the Convention are implemented in Union law by Regulation (EU) No 649/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2012 concerning the export and import of dangerous chemicals<sup>1</sup>.
2. The seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP7) to the Convention will be held from 4 to 15 May 2015. On the basis of the recommendations from the Chemical Review Committee (subsidiary body under the authority of COP), COP is expected to take a decision on inclusion of further chemicals in the PIC procedure by adding them to Annex III to the Convention.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 201, 27.7.2012, p. 60

3. On 18 December 2014, the Council received the Commission proposal for a Council Decision establishing a position for COP 7 with regard to proposals for amendments of Annex III to the Convention.
  
4. The Working Party on International Environment Issues (WPIEI) on 15 January and the Working Party on the Environment (WPE) on 2 February 2015 considered the proposal and the Presidency draft of the Council Decision respectively. The text set out in the JL document 5878/15 is acceptable to all delegations.
  
5. The Committee of Permanent Representatives is invited to recommend that the Council (Environment) adopts the Decision as set out in the JL document 5878/15 as an "A" item at its meeting on 6 March 2015.

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