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from: General Secretariat of the Council  
to: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council  
No. Cion prop.: 5654/13 UD 16  
No. previous doc.: 11188/13 UD 147 OC 426 + COR 1  
Subject: Adoption of a Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and the Russian Federation on drug precursors

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1. On 21 January 2013, the Commission submitted to the Council the above proposal, which aims at strengthening the cooperation between the Union and the Russian federation to prevent the diversion of drug precursors from the legal trade to counter the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs. The proposal is based on Art. 207(4) first subparagraph in conjunction with Art. 218(6)(a) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).
2. At its meeting on 14 January 2013, the Working Party on Customs Union reached an agreement on this proposal.
3. On 22 April 2013, the Council adopted its Decision<sup>1</sup> on the signing of the above Agreement.
4. The Agreement was signed on 4 June 2013.

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<sup>1</sup> As laid down in docs. 7767/13 UD 66 OC 167 and 8178/13 UD 72 OC 185

5. On 23 September 2013, the Council decided to submit this draft Decision and the draft agreement to the European Parliament for its consent<sup>2</sup>.
6. On 20 November 2013, the European Parliament gave its consent.
7. The Permanent Representatives Committee could therefore:
  - confirm the agreement reached within the Working Party; and
  - invite the Council to adopt the Council Decision as set out in documents 12221/13 UD 184 and 8178/13 UD 72 OC 185 (texts revised by the legal-linguistic experts) as an item without discussion at one of its forthcoming meetings.

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<sup>2</sup> Docs. 12221/13 UD 184 and 8178/13 UD 72 OC 185