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Subject: Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION authorising Member States to ratify, in the interest of the European Union, the Protocol of 2014 to the Forced Labour Convention, 1930, of the International Labour Organisation with regard to matters related to judicial cooperation in criminal matters
Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION authorising Member States to ratify, in the interest of the European Union, the Protocol of 2014 to the Forced Labour Convention, 1930, of the International Labour Organisation with regard to matters related to social policy
- Request by the Council for the consent of the European Parliament

1. On 12 September 2014, the Commission transmitted to the Council two proposals, corresponding to two different legal bases (judicial cooperation in criminal matters and social policy), to authorise Member States to ratify, in the interests of the EU, the 2014 Protocol to the 1930 Forced Labour Convention of the ILO.

2. The Protocol contains aspects falling under EU competence. The purpose of the proposals is to provide an authorisation for the Member States to ratify the abovementioned Protocol for those parts that fall under Union competence.
3. On 2 March 2015, the Council (COMPET) reached an agreement in principle on the draft Council decisions.
4. In accordance with Article 218(6)(a)(v) TFEU, the Council should decide on the transmission of the draft decisions to the European Parliament in order to obtain its consent.
5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to recommend that the Council decides, as an "A" item, to forward:
 - the draft Council Decision authorising Member States to ratify, in the interest of the European Union, the Protocol of 2014 to the Forced Labour Convention, 1930, of the International Labour Organisation with regard to matters related to judicial cooperation in criminal matters; and
 - the draft Council Decision authorising Member States to ratify, in the interest of the European Union, the Protocol of 2014 to the Forced Labour Convention, 1930, of the International Labour Organisation with regard to matters related to social policy,as finalised by the Legal Linguistic experts and set out in documents 6731/15 (criminal matters) and 6732/15 (social policy), to the European Parliament for its consent.
