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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
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Subject:	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (first reading) - <i>Request for a mandate for informal trilogues with the European Parliament</i>

1. On 18 June 2014, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal to amend Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union.
2. This proposal aims at aligning the procurement procedures used by Union institutions for awarding contracts to those of Directive 2014/24/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on public procurement and repealing Directive 2004/18/EC¹ and to Directive 2014/23/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on the award of concession contracts², which will have to be transposed by Member States by 18 April 2016.

¹ OJ L 94, 28.3.2014, p. 65.

² OJ L 94, 28.3.2014, p. 1.

3. The proposal is based on Article 322 of the TFEU (ordinary legislative procedure). The Court of Auditors delivered its opinion on 15 January 2015¹. The European Data Protection Supervisor has been consulted.
 4. The Committee on Budgets of the European Parliament voted on a draft legislative resolution on 26 February 2015.
 5. The Budget Committee examined the Commission proposal at several meetings in September 2014, and in March and April 2015. On 14 April 2015, it has agreed to request a mandate for entering into informal trilogues with the European Parliament. This mandate is reflected in the outcome of the discussions as recorded in the Addendum to this note.
 6. The Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to mandate the Presidency to begin informal trilogues with the European Parliament on the basis of the outcome of discussions as set out in the Addendum.
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¹ OJ C 52, 13.2.2015, p. 1.