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from :	General Secretariat of the Council
to :	Coreper
No. Cion prop. :	16749/13 JUSTCIV 278 EJUSTICE 114 CODEC 2695 + ADD 1 + ADD 2
Subject :	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 861/2007 of the European Parliament and the Council of 11 July 2007 establishing a European Small Claims Procedure and Regulation (EC) No 1896/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 creating a European order for payment procedure - Optional consultation of the European Economic and Social Committee[1]

1. On 20 November 2013 the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 861/2007 of the European Parliament and the Council of 11 July 2007 establishing a European Small Claims Procedure and Regulation (EC) No 1896/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 creating a European order for payment procedure.

2. The proposal which is based on Article 81 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union does not require the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee. Nevertheless, the Commission proposes to consult that body on an optional basis.

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[1] The sole purpose of this note is to decide on the consultation of another institution/body and not on the substance.

3. In view of the subject matter of the proposal it is deemed appropriate to consult the European Economic and Social Committee.

4. Coreper is therefore invited to decide, pursuant to Article 304 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and to Article 19(7)(h) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, to consult the European Economic and Social Committee on the above proposal and to request the Committee to give its opinion as soon as possible.

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