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Subject:	Draft Council Conclusions concerning the introduction of mandatory standardised marking of construction machinery and agricultural and forestry vehicles in order to better protect them against theft

1. The EU network of national law enforcement contact points for tackling cross-border vehicle crime (CARPOL) was set up by Council Decision 2004/919/EC on tackling vehicle crime with cross-border implications[1] to contribute to achieving improved cooperation within the EU with the aim of preventing and combating cross-border vehicle crime.

2. At the CARPOL meeting on 27-28 November 2014 in Rome, a draft text concerning the introduction of mandatory standardised marking of construction machinery and agricultural and forestry vehicles was elaborated. It was presented to the Law Enforcement Working Party (LEWP) at its meeting on 3 December 2014.

3. On this basis, draft Council Conclusions were prepared and discussed at the LEWP meetings on 19 February 2015 and 16 April 2015, where agreement on these draft Council Conclusions was reached with a UK scrutiny reservation.

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[1]   OJ L 389, 30.12.2004, p. 28.

4.	The UK delegation has afterwards made further drafting suggestions to the text, which were incorporated in the revised version of the draft Council Conclusions.

5.	The LEWP agreed to the revised draft Council Conclusions, as set out in the Annex to document 9665/15 ENFOPOL 135, following an informal silent procedure, which ended on 8 June 2015.

6.	On this basis, COREPER is requested to invite the Council to approve the draft Council Conclusions concerning the introduction of mandatory standardised marking of construction machinery and agricultural and forestry vehicles in order to better protect them against theft, as set out in the Annex to 9665/15 ENFOPOL 135.

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