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Subject: Proposal for a Council Decision authorising Member States to ratify, in the interests of the European Union, the Convention concerning Safety in the use of Chemicals at Work, 1990, of the International Labour Organisation (Convention No 170)
- *Adoption*

1. On 23 November 2012, the Commission presented to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision authorising Member States to ratify the Chemicals Convention.
2. This Convention contains aspects falling under EU competence. The purpose of the proposal is to provide an authorisation for the Member States to ratify, should they so wish, the abovementioned Convention for those parts that fall under Union competence.
3. On 20 June 2013, the Council (EPSCO) reached a general approach on the draft Council Decision.

4. This draft Council Decision, as finalised by the Legal Linguistic experts (document 11463/13), was forwarded on 23 July 2013 to the European Parliament for its consent.

On 10 December 2013, the European Parliament gave its consent to this draft Council Decision.

5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to recommend that the Council adopts, as an "A" item, the draft Council Decision authorising Member States to ratify, in the interests of the European Union, the Convention concerning Safety in the Use of Chemicals at Work, 1990, of the International Labour Organisation (Convention No 170), as finalised by the Legal Linguistic experts and set out in document 11463/13.
