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From: General Secretariat
To: Permanent Representatives Committee

Subject: Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2001/18/EC as regards the possibility for the Member States to restrict or prohibit the cultivation of GMOs in their territory
- Optional consultation of the Committee of Regions

1. On 22 April 2015, the Commission submitted to the Council a Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 as regards the possibility for the Member States to restrict or prohibit the use of genetically modified food and feed on their territory¹.
2. The proposal is based on Article 114 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, which does not require the opinion of the Committee of the Regions.
3. However, given the potential regional implications of the proposal, it seems appropriate to consult that body on an optional basis.

¹ doc. 8356/15 - COM (2015) 177 final

4. Coreper is therefore invited to decide, pursuant to Article 307 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU and to Article 19(7)(h) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, to consult the Committee of the Regions on the above proposal and to request the Committee to give its opinion as soon as possible.
