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From: General Secretariat
To: COREPER (Part 2)/Council
Subject: Draft Council Decision delegating to the Secretary-General of the Council the power to issue *laissez-passer* to members, officials and other servants of the European Council and of the Council, as well as to special applicants provided for in Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 1417/2013, and repealing Decision 2005/682/EC, Euratom
- Adoption

1. On 31 August 2015, the General Secretariat of the Council submitted to delegations the approved draft of the Council Decision¹ delegating to the Secretary-General of the Council the power to issue *laissez-passer* to members of the European Council and of the Council as well as to all applicants within the General Secretariat of the Council.

¹ SN 4618/2015.

2. The declared purpose of this draft Council Decision is to delegate the respective powers and signatures of the Presidents of the European Council and of the Council for the issuing of *laissez-passer*, pursuant to the first paragraph of Article 6 of Protocol No 7, to the Secretary-General of the Council, thereby enabling the GSC to arrange the internal procedures for granting the new form of EU *laissez-passer* to members of these institutions, to officials and other servants of the European Council and of the Council, as well as to special applicants provided for in Annex II to Council Regulation (EU) No 1417/2013², and thereby repealing Council Decision 2005/682/EC, Euratom³.
3. Delegations in the Working Party on the Staff Regulations were given the possibility of examining the draft Council Decision and requested to make any written comments by 18 September 2015. No delegation expressed any opposition by the above deadline.
4. Against this background, COREPER is invited to confirm its agreement on the text, as finalised by the lawyer-linguists and set out in document 12321/15 STAT 14 INST 333 POLGEN 140 FIN 626, and to submit it to the Council for adoption.

² Council Regulation (EU) No 1417/2013 of 17 December 2013 laying down the form of the *laissez-passer* issued by the European Union (OJ L 353, 28.12.2013, p. 26).

³ Council Decision 2005/682/EC, Euratom of 20 September 2005 delegating to the Deputy Secretary-General the power to issue *laissez-passer* to officials of the General Secretariat of the Council (OJ L 258, 4.10.2005, p. 4).