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Subject: Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion of Revision 3 of the Agreement of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe concerning the adoption of uniform technical prescriptions for wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts which can be fitted and/or used on wheeled vehicles and the conditions for the reciprocal recognition of approvals granted on the basis of these prescriptions ('Revised 1958 Agreement')
- Request for the consent of the European Parliament

1. On 27 October 2015 the Commission submitted to the Council the above proposal.
2. The Working Party on Technical Harmonisation (Motor Vehicles) examined this proposal on 15 December 2015 and on 18 January and 3 February 2016. Although some delegations expressed reservations preferring to postpone such a Decision until the new proposal for a Regulation on the approval and market surveillance of motor vehicles¹ is further advanced in its examination, the majority of delegations indicated that they could support this draft Decision.

¹ doc. 5712/16 + ADD 1

3. On 26 February 2016 the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1) discussed this proposal. A qualified majority of delegations could agree with the proposed Decision and to proceed with the request for the consent of the European Parliament.
4. It is important that the European Union is ready to present its position at the June 2016 UNECE meeting. For this reason it would be advisable to request that the consent of the European Parliament be given in time for that meeting.
5. **The Council is therefore invited, as an "A" item, :**
 - **to approve the agreement on the draft Decision,**
 - **to decide to forward this draft Decision, as set out in document 13954/15 following its finalisation by the lawyer-linguists, to the European Parliament for its consent, with a view to its subsequent adoption, and**
 - **to agree that the European Parliament should be requested to take the steps necessary to give its consent no later than at the first May plenary session.**
