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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Special Committee on Agriculture/Council

Subject: Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on organic production and labelling of organic products and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 **(first reading)**
- Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 24 March 2014 the Commission sent the above proposal¹, based on Article 43(2) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 15 January 2015².
The Committee of the Regions issued its opinion on 21 January 2015³.

¹ 7956/14.

² OJ C 12, 15.1.2015, p. 75.

³ OJ C 19, 21.1.2015, p. 36.

3. On 19 April 2018 the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council⁴.
4. The Special Committee on Agriculture is therefore asked to confirm its agreement and to suggest that the Council:
 - approve the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE-CONS 62/17, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with the Czech Republic, Finland, Slovakia, Lithuania and Cyprus voting against, and Belgium, Hungary and Austria abstaining;
 - order that the statements in the addendum to this note be entered in the minutes of that meeting.

If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

After being signed by the President of the European Parliament and the President of the Council, the legislative act will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

⁴ 8060/1/18 REV1.