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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
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Subject:	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing rules on support for strategic plans to be drawn up by Member States under the Common agricultural policy (CAP Strategic Plans) and financed by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) and by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council - <i>Optional consultation of the Committee of the Regions</i>

1. On 1 June 2018, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing rules on support for strategic plans to be drawn up by Member States under the Common agricultural policy (CAP Strategic Plans) and financed by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) and by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹.

¹ Doc. 9645/18.

2. In its proposal, the Commission suggests that the Committee of the Regions be consulted on an optional basis².
 3. Article 43(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, on which the proposal is based, does not require the opinion of the Committee of the Regions.
 4. Nevertheless, given the subject matter of the proposal, it is considered appropriate to follow the suggestion of the Commission and to consult the Committee of the Regions on an optional basis.
 5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to decide, in accordance with Article 307 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and Article 19(7)(h) of the Council's Rules of Procedure³, to consult the Committee of the Regions on the above proposal and to request it to give its opinion as soon as possible.
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² The sole purpose of this note is to decide on the consultation of another institution/body and not on the substance of the proposal.

³ Council Decision 2009/937/EU of 1 December 2009 adopting the Council's Rules of Procedure, OJ L 325, 11/12/2009, p. 35.