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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 as regards the location of the seat of the European Medicines Agency (**First reading**)
- Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 30 November 2017 the Commission sent the above proposal¹, based on Article 114 and Article 168(4) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 17 January 2018². The Committee of the Regions was consulted.
3. On 25 October 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 Council³.

¹ 15263/17.

² OJ C 197, 8.6.2018, p. 71.

³ 13316/18.

4. The Permanent Representatives Committee 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 40/18, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with Italy voting against and the United Kingdom 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.
