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Subject:	Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) of 13.2.2019 supplementing Directive (EU) 2015/849 of the European Parliament and of the Council by identifying high-risk third countries with strategic deficiencies C(2019)1326

1. On 13 February 2019, the Commission submitted to the Council the above regulation supplementing Directive (EU) 2015/849 of the European Parliament and of the Council by identifying high-risk third countries with strategic deficiencies¹.
2. According to Article 64(5) of Regulation (EU) No 2015/849, a delegated act adopted pursuant to Article 9 shall enter into force only if no objection has been expressed either by the European Parliament or by the Council within a period of one month of notification of the act to the European Parliament and the Council or if, before the expiry of that period, both Institutions have informed the Commission that they will not object.

¹ ST 6483 (+ADD1 +COR1).

3. On 15 February 2019, the Council secretariat invited delegations (financial attachés) to examine the delegated act and inform whether they intended to object to this delegated act or to request an extension of the period for objection.
4. The consultation ended on 28 February 2019, with the required majority of delegations having declared their intention to object to the delegated act in question, in particular on the basis that the act was not established in a sufficiently transparent way.
5. On 1 March 2019, the Financial Attachés Working Party met to discuss the delegated act in question. There is now unanimity on the intention to object to the delegated act.
6. In view of the above, it is suggested that the Committee of Permanent Representatives invites the Council to:
 - object to the delegated act as set out in ST 6483 (+ADD1 +COR1), and
 - inform the Commission and the European Parliament thereof.
