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

Subject: Draft DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on copyright and related rights in the Digital Single Market and amending Directives 96/9/EC and 2001/29/EC (**first reading**)
- Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 14 September 2016 the Commission sent the above proposal¹, based on Article 114 TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 25 January 2017².
3. The Committee of the Regions delivered its opinion on 8 February 2017³.

¹ 12254/16.

² OJ C 125, 21.4.2017, p. 27.

³ OJ C 207, 30.6.2017, p. 80.

4. On 26 March 2019 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.
5. 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 51/19, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with Italy, Finland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Poland and Sweden voting against and Belgium, Estonia and Slovenia abstaining;
 - decide 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 7717/19.