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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)
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Subject:	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing an EU Talent pool - <i>Optional consultation of the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions</i>

1. On 15 November 2023, as part of the Skills and Talent Mobility Package, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing an EU Talent Pool¹.
2. The proposal aims to establish the EU Talent Pool, an EU-wide platform intended to facilitate international recruitment and provide opportunities for third-country nationals to work in EU-wide shortage occupations. The proposal sets the scope of application, the IT system architecture, the governance structure, the rules for jobseekers from third countries and employers' participation in the EU Talent Pool and the overall functioning of the EU Talent Pool, including information provision and support services.

¹ Doc. 15550/23 + ADD 1.

3. The proposal is based on Article 79(2)(a) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), which does not require the consultation of the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions.
 4. In its proposal, the Commission suggests that the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions be consulted on an optional basis².
 5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to decide, in accordance with Article 19(7)(h) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, to consult the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the above proposal and to request them to give their 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.