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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)
Subject:	Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the welfare of dogs and cats and their traceability - <i>Optional consultation of the Committee of the Regions</i> ¹

1. On 7 December 2023 the Commission submitted to the Council the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the welfare of dogs and cats and their traceability².
2. In its proposal, the Commission suggests that the Committee of Regions be consulted on an optional basis.
3. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to decide, in accordance with Article 304 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and Article 19(7)(h) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, to consult the Committee of Regions on the above proposal and to request it to give its opinion as soon as possible.

¹ The sole purpose of this note is to decide on the consultation of another institution/body and not on the substance.

² 16406/2023 + ADD 1