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Subject: Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND
OF THE COUNCIL on control of the acquisition and possession of
weapons (codification)
- Opinion of the Consultative Working Party of Legal Services

Delegations will find attached the opinion of the Consultative Working Party of Legal Services regarding the above mentioned subject.



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OPINION

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
THE COUNCIL
THE COMMISSION

**Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on control of the acquisition and possession of weapons (codification)
COM(2020) 48 final of 19.2.2020 - 2020/0029 (COD)**

Having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 20 December 1994 on an accelerated working method for official codification of legislative texts, and in particular to point 4 thereof, the Consultative Working Party consisting of the respective legal services of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission examined by written procedure the aforementioned proposal submitted by the Commission.

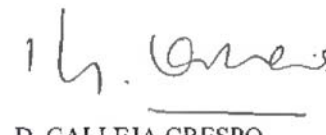
The examination of the proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council codifying Council Directive 91/477/EEC of 18 June 1991 on control of the acquisition and possession of weapons¹ resulted in the Consultative Working Party's establishing, by common accord, as follows.

1. In recital 13, the second sentence should be removed.
2. In recital 15, the words '*and of brokers*' should be added after each of the two occurrences of the words '*of dealers*'.
3. In recital 31, the word '*also*' should be inserted between the words '*should*' and '*refer*'.
4. In Article 22(1), the words '*external Union frontiers*' should be replaced by the words '*external borders of the Union*'.

In consequence, examination of the proposal has enabled the Consultative Working Party to conclude, without dissent, that the proposal is a straightforward codification of existing texts, without any change in their substance.


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¹ The Consultative Working Party worked on the basis of the English language version of the proposal, being the master-copy language version of the text under discussion.