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To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)
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Subject:	Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on measures for a high common level of cybersecurity across the Union, repealing Directive (EU) 2016/1148 - Optional consultation of the Committee of the Regions ¹

1. On 16 December 2020, the Commission submitted to the Council the proposal for a Directive on measures for a high common level of cybersecurity across the Union, repealing Directive (EU) 2016/1148.
2. The above-mentioned proposal for a Directive is based on Article 114 of the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union.
3. The procedure to adopt the Regulation foresees the consultation of the European Economic and Social Committee. The Opinion of the Committee of the Regions is not required. However, the Directive will apply to public administration entities of central governments but also to public administration entities of regions as set out in Annex I, point 9 of the proposal. For the sake of consistency it therefore appears appropriate to also consult the Committee of the Regions on the present proposal.

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

4. 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 Committee of the Regions on the above proposal and to request it to give its opinion as soon as possible.
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