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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)  
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Subject: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down harmonised rules on artificial intelligence (Artificial Intelligence Act) and amending certain Union legislative acts

- Optional consultation of the Committee of the Regions<sup>1</sup>

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1. On 22 April 2021, the Commission submitted to the Council the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down harmonised rules on artificial intelligence (Artificial Intelligence Act) and amending certain Union legislative acts<sup>2</sup>.

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

<sup>2</sup> Doc. 8115/21.

2. The aim of the proposal is to foster the development and uptake of safe and lawful artificial intelligence (AI) that respects fundamental rights across the Single Market by both private and public actors.
3. The proposal is based on Articles 16 and 114 TFEU, which provide for the European Parliament and for the Council to act in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and after consulting the Economic and Social Committee. Thus, in principle, the opinion of the Committee of the Regions is not required. However, taking into account the subject matter of the proposal in question and its possible impact for public and private entities also on sub-national level, it would appear appropriate to also consult the Committee of the Regions on the present proposal.
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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