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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)
Subject:	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing Global Europe - Optional consultation of the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions

1. On 17 July 2025, as part of its legislative package for the 2028-2034 Multiannual Financial Framework¹, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing Global Europe².
2. The proposal is based on Articles 209, 212 and 322(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).
3. The above mentioned legal bases do not require the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee nor that of the Committee of the Regions.

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

² 11758/25 + ADD 1-4.

4. In its proposal, the Commission suggests that the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions are consulted on an optional basis. Given the subject matter of the proposal, it would appear appropriate to consult both Committees.
 5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to decide, in accordance with Articles 304 and 307 TFEU and Article 19(7)(h) of the Council's Rules of Procedure³, to consult the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on this proposal and to request them to give their opinion as soon as possible and at the latest by 19 March 2026.
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³ Council Decision 2009/937/EU of 1 December 2009 adopting the Council's Rules of Procedure, OJ L 325, 11/12/2009, p. 35.