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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)

Subject: Proposal for a Regulation on establishing a framework of measures for accelerating industrial capacity and decarbonisation in strategic sectors (Industrial Accelerator Act)
- Optional consultation of the Committee of the Regions

1. On 4 March 2026, the Commission submitted to the Council the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework of measures for the acceleration of industrial capacity and decarbonisation in strategic sectors and amending Regulations (EU) 2018/1724, (EU) 2024/1735 and (EU) 2024/3110¹.

¹ 7009/26 + ADD1-ADD5

2. The proposal aims to strengthen European production capacities, boost demand for European-made clean technologies and incentivise foreign direct investments that bring real added value to the economy and create high-quality jobs in the EU. The measures intend to support the European industry in its transition towards cleaner, future-proof technologies.
3. This proposal is based on Article 114 and Article 207(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).
4. The above-mentioned legal bases do not require the consultation of the Committee of the Regions.
5. Despite its key role in safeguarding and boosting the EU's long-term economic resilience and in meeting its climate objectives, the European manufacturing industry has been in regression in the past decades risking the EU's economic security and long-term resilience. The proposal aims to reverse this trend and leverage access to and the scale of the Single Market among others by designating specific industrial acceleration zones in each Member State focusing on the least developed regions and those in transition. In its proposal, the Commission suggests that the Committee of the Regions is consulted on an optional basis. However, in order to ensure that the measures contribute to the proper functioning of the Single Market, it appears appropriate to consult the Committee of the Regions.
6. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to:
 - Decide, in accordance with Article 304 TFEU and Article 19(7)(h) of the Council's Rules of Procedure², to consult the Committee of the Regions on this proposal³.
 - Request the Committee of the Regions to deliver its opinion as soon as possible but no later than by 22 October 2026.

² Council Decision 2009/937/EU of 1 December 2009 adopting the Council's Rules of Procedure, OJ L 325, 11.12.2009, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2009/937/oj>.

³ The sole purpose of this note is to decide on the consultation of another institution/body and not on the substance.