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THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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from : General Secretariat  
to : Permanent Representatives Committee

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Subject : Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying  
down measures concerning the European single market for electronic  
communications and to achieve a Connected Continent, and amending Directives  
2002/20/EC, 2002/21/EC and 2002/22/EC and Regulations (EC) No 1211/2009  
and (EU) No 531/2012  
- Optional consultation of the Committee of the Regions<sup>1</sup>

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1. On 11 September 2013 the Commission submitted to the Council the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down measures concerning the European single market for electronic communications and to achieve a Connected Continent, and amending Directives 2002/20/EC, 2002/21/EC and 2002/22/EC and Regulations (EC) No 1211/2009 and (EU) No 531/2012 <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> 13555/13.

2. The proposal, which is based on Article 114 TFEU, is amending several components of the Regulatory Framework for Telecommunications. It is therefore likely to have a wide and differentiated impact including at sub-national level.
3. Article 114 TFEU provides 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 Commission's proposal, 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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