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| From: | General Secretariat of the Council |
| To: | Permanent Representatives Committee/Council |
| Subject: | Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the prevention and management of the introduction and spread of invasive alien species (first reading) Adoption of the legislative act (LA + S) |

1. On 9 September 2013 the Commission sent the above proposal¹, based on Article 192(1) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 22 January 2014².
3. In accordance with the provisions of the Joint Declaration on practical arrangements for the codecision procedure³, informal contacts were initiated between the Council, the European Parliament and the Commission with the aim of reaching agreement at first reading.

¹ 13457/13.

² OJ C 177, 11.6.2014, p. 84.

³ OJ C 145, 30.6.2007, p. 5.

4. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal on 16 April 2014. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council¹.
5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to confirm its agreement and to suggest that the Council:
 - approve the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE-CONS 70/14, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with the German, Bulgarian and Romanian delegations abstaining, and the Hungarian delegation voting against;
 - order that the statements in the addendum to this note be entered in the minutes of that meeting.

If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

After being signed by the President of the European Parliament and the President of the Council, the legislative act will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

¹ 9019/14.