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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations (**first reading**)  
- Adoption of the legislative act (**LA + S**)

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1. On 12 September 2012 the Commission sent the above proposal<sup>1</sup>, based on Article 224 TFEU, to the Council.
2. The Committee of the Regions delivered its opinion on 31 January 2013<sup>2</sup>. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 13 February 2013<sup>3</sup>.
3. In accordance with the provisions of the Joint Declaration on practical arrangements for the codecision procedure<sup>4</sup>, informal contacts were initiated between the Council, the European Parliament and the Commission with the aim of reaching agreement at first reading.

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<sup>1</sup> 13842/12.

<sup>2</sup> OJ C 62, 2.3.2013, p. 77.

<sup>3</sup> OJ C 133, 9.5.2013, p. 90.

<sup>4</sup> 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 Council<sup>1</sup>.
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 62/14, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with the Netherlands and United Kingdom delegations voting against and the Belgian delegation abstaining;
  - 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.

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<sup>1</sup> 9014/14.