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from: General Secretariat of the Council
to: COREPER/COUNCIL

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Subject : Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 91/477/EEC on control of the acquisition and possession of weapons **[first reading]**
– Adoption of the legislative act (LA + S)

1. On 2 May 2006 the Commission sent the Council the above proposal¹, based on Article 95(1) of the EC Treaty.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 13 September 2006².
3. In accordance with the joint declaration on practical arrangements for the codecision procedure³, informal talks were held between the Council, the European Parliament and the Commission with a view to reaching agreement at first reading.

¹ 7258/06.

² OJ C 318, 23.12.2006, p. 83.

³ OJ C 145, 30.6.2007, p. 5.

4. The European Parliament delivered its first-reading opinion on 29 November 2007, adopting 51 amendments to the Commission proposal. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise reached by the institutions and should thus be acceptable to the Council¹.

5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to confirm agreement and suggest that the Council:
 - adopt the Directive, as it stands in PE-CONS 3690/07, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with the Austrian and Finnish delegations abstaining;

 - decide to enter in the minutes of that meeting the statements set out in the addendum to this note.

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

¹ 15830/07.