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From: General Secretariat of the Council

To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of the euro and other currencies against counterfeiting by criminal law, and replacing Council Framework Decision 2000/383/JHA (**first reading**)  
- Adoption of the legislative act (**LA**)

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1. On 6 February 2013 the Commission sent the above proposal<sup>1</sup>, based on Article 83(1) TFEU<sup>234</sup>, to the Council.

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<sup>1</sup> 6152/13.

<sup>2</sup> In accordance with Articles 1 and 2 of Protocol No 22 on the position of Denmark, Denmark is not taking part in the adoption of this Directive and is not bound by it or subject to its application.

<sup>3</sup> In accordance with Articles 1 and 2 of Protocol No 21 on the position of the United Kingdom and Ireland in respect of the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice, and without prejudice to Article 4 of that Protocol, the United Kingdom is not taking part in the adoption of this Directive and is not bound by it or subject to its application.

<sup>4</sup> In accordance with Article 3 of Protocol No 21 on the position of the United Kingdom and Ireland in respect of the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice, Ireland has notified its wish to take part in the adoption and application of this Directive.

2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 23 May 2013<sup>1</sup>. The European Central Bank delivered its opinion on 26 May 2013<sup>2</sup>.
3. In accordance with the provisions of the Joint Declaration on practical arrangements for the codecision procedure<sup>3</sup>, informal contacts were initiated between the Council, the European Parliament and the Commission with the aim of reaching agreement at first reading.
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>4</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 45/14, as an "A" item at a forthcoming 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> OJ C 271, 19.9.2013, p. 42.

<sup>2</sup> OJ C 179, 25.6.2013, p. 9.

<sup>3</sup> OJ C 145, 30.6.2007, p. 5.

<sup>4</sup> 8742/14.