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

Subject: Draft Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on
procedural safeguards for children who are suspects or accused persons in
criminal proceedings **(first reading)**
- Adoption of the legislative act **(LA)**

1. On 28 November 2013 the Commission sent its proposal¹, based on Article 82(2)(b) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 25 March 2014². The Committee of the Regions was consulted.
3. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal on 9 March 2016. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council³.

¹ 17633/13.

² OJ C 226, 16.7.2014, p. 63.

³ 6839/16.

4. 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 2/16, as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting, with the Italian delegation abstaining.

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.
