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1. BACKGROUND

Date of transmission of the proposal to the European Parliament and 15 June 2011
to the Council
(document COM(2011) 349 final – (2011/0153 (COD)):

Date of the opinion of the European Economic and Social n.a.
Committee:

Date of the position of the European Parliament, first reading: 22 November 2012

Date of adoption of the position of the Council: 15 November 2013

2. OBJECTIVE OF THE PROPOSAL FROM THE COMMISSION

The Proposal reflects the changes in the legal framework of the Union and the institutional balance brought about by the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty. It aligns the regulations contained therein with Articles 290 and 291 of the TFEU and with Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers.

This proposal accompanies a first proposal the Commission has made on trade policy, referred to as "Trade Omnibus I" (2011/0039 (COD))" and examines all remaining decision-making procedures found in trade policy legislation in order to adapt them, where appropriate, to the regime for delegated acts set down in Article 290.

In aligning the procedures on the standard procedures, the proposal will also permit a more ready understanding of the procedures applicable in trade policy and the transparency provisions of the horizontal regulation will increase the overall transparency of the conduct of trade policy.

3. COMMENTS ON THE POSITION OF THE COUNCIL

The Council first reading position is in line with the outcome of the last trilogue between the EP and the Council held on 5 June 2013 and confirmed subsequently by the two institutions at COREPER and INTA level in July 2013.

4. **CONCLUSION**

The Commission can accept the amendments introduced by the Council to its proposal.