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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on addressing unjustified geo-blocking and other forms of discrimination based on customers' nationality, place of residence or place of establishment within the internal market and amending Regulations (EC) No 2006/2004 and (EU) 2017/2394 and Directive 2009/22/EC (first reading) - Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 26 May 2016 the Commission sent its proposal¹, based on Article 114 TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 19 October 2016².

¹ 9611/16.

² OJ C 34, 2.2.2017, p. 93.

3. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal on 6 February 2018. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council³.
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 64/17, as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting, with the Austrian delegation abstaining;
 - order that the statements in Addenda 1 and 2 to this note be entered in the minutes of that meeting;
 - decide to publish the statement set out in Addendum 1 in the Official Journal of the European Union together with the legislative act.

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.

³ 5857/18.