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

Subject: Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on strengthening the security of identity cards of Union citizens and of residence documents issued to Union citizens and their family members exercising their right of free movement (**first reading**)
- Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 17 April 2018 the Commission sent the above proposal¹, based on Article 21(2) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 11 July 2018².
3. On 4 April 2019 the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal. 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 8175/18.

² OJ C 367, 10.10.2018, p. 78.

³ 8054/19.

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 70/19, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic voting against;
- decide that the statements in the addendum to this note be entered in the minutes of that 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.
