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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)

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Subject: Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND
OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013 on the
European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (2014-2020)
- Approval of the Commission proposal text

1. On 4 September 2019, the Commission submitted a proposal aiming to enable the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund ('the EGF')¹ to support workers made redundant as a result of the likely economic disruptions caused by a withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (the 'United Kingdom') from the Union without a withdrawal agreement.

¹ doc.11920/19

2. The purpose of the EGF is to support workers made redundant and self-employed persons whose activity has ceased as a result of major structural changes in world trade patterns due to globalisation or as a result of a global financial and economic crises. This proposal specifies that the scope of the EGF includes workers made redundant in areas, sectors, territories or labour markets suffering serious economic disruption due to the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without a withdrawal agreement. The present proposal does not modify the maximum annual amount of the EGF.
3. The Ad hoc Working Party on Article 50 examined the proposal on 5 September 2019, on 13 September 2019 and on 18 September 2019. The Social Questions Working Party examined the proposal on 23 September 2019. The UK and PL delegations entered parliamentary scrutiny reservations. Delegations intervening on the substance welcomed the proposal.
4. The Presidency concluded that delegations broadly supported the Commission's proposal without substantive amendments, with a view to facilitating the adoption of the draft Regulation as a matter of urgency.
5. In view of this, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to:
 - confirm that should the European Parliament agree with the use of the urgent procedure and approve the Commission's proposal without any amendments, the Council would approve the European Parliament's position, resulting in the adoption of the Regulation in the form of the Commission's proposal (subject to revision by the legal linguists of both institutions);
 - authorise the Presidency to inform the European Parliament thereof; and
 - authorise the Presidency to request to the European Parliament the use of the urgent procedure.