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

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Subject: Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EC) No 862/2007 on Community statistics on migration and international protection **(first reading)**  
- Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reasons

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1. On 16 May 2018 the Commission sent its proposal<sup>1</sup>, based on Article 338(1) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on 16 April 2019<sup>2</sup>.
3. On 27 January 2020, the Council reached a political agreement on the Council's position at first reading on the above Regulation<sup>3</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> 9307/18.

<sup>2</sup> 8492/19.

<sup>3</sup> In accordance with the letter of 13 December 2019 sent by the Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs to the Chair of COREPER, the European Parliament should, at second reading, approve the Council's position at first reading without amendment.

4. Originally planned to be adopted by Council on 13 March 2020 and given the need to transmit the Council's position to the EP by Wednesday, 1 April 2020, it will only be possible to adopt the Council's position at first reading via the written procedure, which would be launched on **Wednesday, 18 March 2020 at 16.00** and would end on **Friday, 20 March 2020 at 10.00**.
5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is asked to agree to the use of the written procedure for the adoption of the position at first reading, as set out in document 15300/19 and the statement of reasons, as set out in document 15300/19 ADD 1.