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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 establishing a framework for ensuring a secure and sustainable supply of critical raw materials and amending Regulations (EU) No 168/2013, (EU) 2018/858, (EU) 2018/1724 and (EU) 2019/1020<br><b>(first reading)</b><br>- Adoption of the legislative act |

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1. On 16 March 2023 the Commission submitted its proposal<sup>1</sup>, based on Article 114 TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 12 July 2023<sup>2</sup>.
3. The Committee of the Regions delivered its opinion on 5 July 2023<sup>3</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> 7568/23 + ADD1-5.

<sup>2</sup> OJ C 349, 29.9.2023, p 142.

<sup>3</sup> OJ C/2023/252, 26.10.2023, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/C/2023/252/oj>.

4. On 12 December 2023 the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal<sup>4</sup>. The European Parliament having approved a corrigendum to that position at its plenary session of 25 to 28 February 2024, the outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council.
5. 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 78/23, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with Bulgaria abstaining.
6. If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

After being signed by the Presidents of the European Parliament and of the Council, the legislative act will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

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<sup>4</sup> 16658/23.