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| From:    | General Secretariat of the Council                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| To:      | Permanent Representatives Committee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Subject: | Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) No 223/2014 as regards the introduction of specific measures for addressing the COVID-19 crisis <b>(first reading)</b><br><br>- Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption of the legislative act<br><br>- Decision to derogate from the 8-week period provided for in Article 4 of Protocol 1 on the role of national parliaments in the EU |

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1. On 2 April 2020 the Commission sent its proposal<sup>1</sup>, based on Article 175(3) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee has been consulted and is set to reply shortly.
3. The Committee of the Regions has been consulted and is set to reply shortly.
4. The European Parliament will adopt its position at first reading on the Commission proposal at its plenary on 16-17 April 2020.

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<sup>1</sup> 7163/20.

5. Given the urgency entailed by the exceptional circumstances justifying the proposed measures, it will only be possible to adopt the Regulation via the written procedure.
6. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to decide, in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure and Article 1 of Council Decision 2020/430, that the Council uses the written procedure:
- for the adoption of the draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 223/2014 as regards the introduction of specific measures for addressing the COVID-19 crisis, as set out in document PE- CONS 8/20<sup>2</sup>; and
  - for the adoption, on the basis of Article 3(3) of the Council Rules of Procedure, of the derogation from the 8 week period provided for in Article 4 of Protocol 1 on the role of national Parliaments in the European Union.
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<sup>2</sup> PE-CONS 8/20 will be available in due time.