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

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Subject: Joint statement on the dates for the budgetary procedure and modalities for the functioning of the Conciliation Committee in 2020  
– *Approval*

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1. The Interinstitutional Agreement on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management<sup>1</sup> stipulates under point 2 of its annex on interinstitutional cooperation during the budgetary procedure that a trilogue shall be organised in due time before the adoption of the draft budget by the Commission ("spring trilogue"). Its purpose is to discuss possible priorities for the budget of the coming financial year and to adopt an indicative calendar and modalities for the functioning of the Conciliation Committee for the upcoming budgetary procedure.
2. Given the exceptional circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission proposed not to convene the spring trilogue and to endorse the institutions' joint statement on the indicative calendar by an exchange of letters.

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<sup>1</sup> Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management (OJ C 373, 20.12.2013, p. 1).

3. Following this exchange of letters, an agreement *ad referendum* was reached between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on the draft joint statement set out in document 8345/20.
  4. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to:
    - confirm its agreement on the draft joint statement on indicative dates for the budgetary procedure and modalities for the functioning of the Conciliation Committee in 2020 set out in document 8345/20; and
    - 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 its approval.
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