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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) 2016/1628 as regards its transitional provisions in order to address the impact of COVID-19 crisis (**first reading**)

- Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption of the legislative act
- 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

1. On 2 June 2020 the Commission sent its proposal¹, based on Article 114 TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee adopted its opinion at its plenary session on 10-11 June 2020.
3. The European Parliament will adopt its position at first reading on the Commission proposal at its plenary on 17-19 June 2020.
4. Given the urgency entailed by the exceptional circumstances justifying the proposed measures and in the absence of Council meetings, it will only be possible to adopt the Regulation via the written procedure.

¹ 8521/20.

5. 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 (EU) 2020/702², 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) 2016/1628 as regards its transitional provisions in order to address the impact of COVID-19 crisis, as set out in document PE- CONS 21/20³; and
 - to derogate, on the basis of the second subparagraph of Article 3(3) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, from the eight-week period referred to in the first subparagraph of that Article.
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² Council Decision (EU) 2020/702 of 20 May 2020 further extending the temporary derogation from the Council's Rules of Procedure introduced by Decision (EU) 2020/430 and extended by Decision (EU) 2020/556 in view of the travel difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in the Union (OJ L 165, 27.5.2020, p. 38–39).

³ PE-CONS 21/20 will be available in due time.