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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 1305/2013 as regards specific measures to provide exceptional temporary support under EAFRD in response to the COVID-19 outbreak (**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 to the TFEU on the role of national parliaments in the EU

= Statement

Statement by the Commission for the COREPER minutes

The Commission acknowledges the efforts of the European Parliament and of the Council to reach a rapid agreement but the Commission cannot support the amendment to increase the maximum percentage of the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development that Member States can use for this measure from 1% to 2% of their envelopes. The additional impact on the level of payment appropriations in 2021 may negatively interfere with the on-going negotiations on the multiannual financial framework, and jeopardise other objectives of the Rural Development programmes.