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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)
Subject:	Proposal for a Council implementing decision granting temporary support under Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to Hungary to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak - Decision to use the written procedure for adoption

1. Council Regulation (EU) 2020/672 of 19 May 2020 on the establishment of a European instrument for temporary support to mitigate unemployment risks in an emergency (SURE) following the COVID-19 outbreak¹ (hereafter -‘SURE Regulation’) lays down the framework enabling the Union to provide financial assistance to Member States that are experiencing, or are seriously threatened with, a severe economic disturbance caused by the COVID-19 outbreak for the financing, primarily, of short-time work schemes or similar measures aimed at protecting employees and the self-employed and, as an ancillary, some health-related measures.
2. In accordance with Article 6(1) of the SURE Regulation, financial assistance is to be made available by means of a Council implementing decision adopted on the basis of a proposal from the Commission.

¹ *OJ L 159, 20.5.2020, p. 1.*

3. On 7 October 2020, the Commission submitted a proposal for Council Implementing Decision granting temporary support under Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to Hungary to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak (ST 11588/20).
4. The abovementioned proposal was examined at the Financial Counsellors Working Party on 13 October 2020 and subsequently revised by legal-linguistic experts.
5. The technical preparatory work can now be considered complete, and the draft text of the Council Implementing Decision can be submitted to the Council for formal adoption.
6. It should be noted that in accordance with the third subparagraph of Article 297(2) of the TFEU and with Article 18(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, this Council decision, once adopted, is to be notified to the Member State, to which it is addressed, by the Secretary-General of the Council or a Director-General acting on his behalf.
7. Pursuant to Article 122(2) of the TFEU, the European Parliament should be informed by the President of the Council of this Council Implementing Decision.
8. Against this background, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to:
 - confirm its agreement on the text of the draft Council Implementing Decisions granting temporary support under Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to Hungary to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak, as revised by legal-linguistic experts (doc. 11592/20)
 - 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) 2020/430, as extended by Council Decision (EU) 2020/1253 of 4 September 2020, that the Council uses the written procedure for the adoption of the abovementioned Council Implementing Decision.