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'I' ITEM NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
Subject:	Amendments of the European Parliament to the Council's position on the draft budget for 2021

1. During its November I Plenary session (11-13 November 2020), the European Parliament intends to adopt amendments to the Council's position on the draft budget for 2021, as recommended by the European Parliament's Committee on Budgets on 14 October 2020. At this occasion, the Presidency of the Council should take note of this fact, and consequently agree that the President of the European Parliament convenes the Conciliation Committee as required (point (c) of Article 314(4) TFEU).
2. On 26 October 2020, the Budget Committee of the Council discussed those amendments and agreed, by a qualified majority, that it could not approve them all.
3. In view of the above and for the purposes of the continuation of the budgetary procedure for 2021, the Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to:
 - confirm that it cannot approve all the amendments to the Council's position on the draft budget for 2021 should they be adopted by the European Parliament;
 - approve the annexed draft letter to the European Parliament to that effect;

- 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 rejection of amendments of the European Parliament and for the approval of the annexed draft letter.
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DRAFT LETTER

from : Chair of the Permanent Representatives Committee

to : President of the European Parliament

cc : President of the European Commission

Sir,

For the purpose of point (c) of Article 314(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, I have to inform you that the Council cannot approve all the amendments adopted by the European Parliament as regards the Council's position on the draft budget for 2021.

The Conciliation Committee foreseen by Article 314(5) TFEU may therefore meet at the earliest convenience.

(Complimentary close).
