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

Subject: Draft DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Decision No 573/2014/EU on enhanced cooperation between Public Employment Services (PES) **(first reading)**
- Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption of the legislative act

1. On 11 September 2019 the Commission sent its proposal¹, based on Article 149 TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 30 October 2019².
3. The European Parliament will adopt its position at first reading on the Commission proposal at its plenary on 11-12 November 2020.

¹ Doc. 12137/19.

² OJ C 47, 11.2.2020, p. 105.

4. Due to the special circumstances, 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) 2020/1253³, that the Council uses the written procedure for the adoption of the draft Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Decision No 573/2014/EU on enhanced cooperation between Public Employment Services (PES), as set out in document PE- CONS 40/20⁴.
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³ Council Decision (EU) 2020/1253 of 4 September 2020 further extending the temporary derogation from the Council's Rules of Procedure introduced by Decision (EU) 2020/430, and extended by Decisions (EU) 2020/556, (EU) 2020/702 and (EU) 2020/970, in view of the travel difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in the Union (OJ L 294, 8.9.2020, p. 1–2).

⁴ PE-CONS 40/20 will be available in due time.