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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 445/2014/EU establishing a Union action for the European Capitals of Culture for the years 2020 to 2033 (**first reading**)
- Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption of the legislative act

1. On 18 August 2020 the Commission sent its proposal¹, based on Article 167(5) TFUE, to the Council.
2. The Committee of the Regions was consulted and decided not to issue an opinion.
3. The European Parliament will adopt its position at first reading on the Commission proposal at its plenary on 14-17 December 2020.

¹ Doc. 10160/20 - COM(2020) 384 final.

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) 2020/1659², 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 445/2014/EU establishing a Union action for the European Capitals of Culture for the years 2020 to 2033, as set out in document PE- CONS 55/20³.
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² Council Decision (EU) 2020/1659 of 6 November 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, (EU) 2020/970 and (EU) 2020/1253, in view of the travel difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in the Union (OJ L 376, 10.11.2020, p. 3–4)

³ PE-CONS 55/20 will be available in due time.