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#### WRITTEN PROCEDURE

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Subject: Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down certain transitional provisions for support from the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and from the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) in the years 2021 and 2022 and amending Regulations (EU) No 1305/2013, (EU) No 1306/2013 and (EU) No 1307/2013 as regards resources and application in the years 2021 and 2022 and Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 as regards resources and the distribution of such support in respect of the years 2021 and 2022 [2019/0254 (COD)]

Initiation of the written procedure:

- Adoption of the legislative act, and
- Approval of the joint statements.

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Following the decision of the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1) on 18 December 2020 to use the written procedure, please state:

- 1) whether you agree to the adoption of the draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down certain transitional provisions for support from the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and from the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) in the years 2021 and 2022 and amending Regulations (EU) No 1305/2013, (EU) No

1306/2013 and (EU) No 1307/2013 as regards resources and application in the years 2021 and 2022 and Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 as regards resources and the distribution of such support in respect of the years 2021 and 2022, as set out in PE-CONS 29/20.

Please answer YES, NO or ABSTENTION.

- 2) whether you agree to the approval of the draft joint statements as set out in the Annex to this communication.

Please answer YES, NO or ABSTENTION.

Any unilateral statements, which will be added to the joint statements in the Annex to this communication, should be made separately.

Replies by e-mail to [codecision.adoption@consilium.europa.eu](mailto:codecision.adoption@consilium.europa.eu) must reach the General Secretariat of the Council at the latest by **Tuesday, 22 December 2020 at 10.00 (Brussels time)**.

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## **Joint statement by the European Parliament and the Council on the outermost regions and smaller Aegean islands**

The European Parliament and the Council recall:

- the importance of specific measures for the outermost regions, in accordance with Article 349 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and Regulation (EU) No 228/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council, to take account of the special characteristics of those regions;
- the importance of specific measures for agriculture in favour of the smaller Aegean islands established under Regulation (EU) No 229/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council; and
- that the above issues justify special support for those regions and islands, in order to implement appropriate measures.

## **Joint statement by the European Parliament and the Council on EU funding arrangements for POSEI and the smaller Aegean islands**

The European Parliament and the Council underline that the EU funding arrangements for POSEI and the smaller Aegean islands included in this Transitional Regulation for 2021 and 2022 are exceptional, reflecting the particularity of the circumstances, and do not constitute a precedent for future CAP financing, neither for the outermost regions and the smaller Aegean islands, nor for direct payments.