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

Subject: Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on rail passengers' rights and obligations (recast) **(first reading)**
- Adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reasons

1. On 27 September 2017 the Commission sent its proposal¹, based on Article 91(1) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 18 January 2018².
3. The Committee of the Regions was consulted and decided not to issue an opinion.
4. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on 15 November 2018³.

¹ 12442/17.

² OJ C 197, 8.6.2018, p. 66–70

³ 14052/18.

5. The Permanent Representatives Committee confirmed the provisional agreement reached in trilogues on 21 October 2020.
6. Subsequently, on 29 October 2020 the European Parliament Committee on Transport and Tourism (TRAN) confirmed the provisional agreement and its chair sent a letter on 30 October 2020 to the chair of Coreper declaring that the European Parliament should, at its second reading, approve the Council's position at first reading (following a legal-linguistic review) without amendments.
7. The Permanent Representatives Committee is asked to suggest that the Council:
 - adopt its position at first reading, as set out in document 12262/20 and the statement of reasons, as set out in document 12262/20 ADD 1, as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting.
