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

Subject: Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) No 654/2014 concerning the exercise of the Union's rights for the application and enforcement of international trade rules **(first reading)**
- Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption of the legislative act

1. On 12 December 2019 the Commission sent its proposal¹, based on Article 207(2) TFEU, to the Council.
2. On 19 January 2021 the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council².

¹ 15088/19.

² 5419/21.

3. 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) 2021/26³, that the Council uses the written procedure to agree:
- to the adoption of the draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 654/2014 concerning the exercise of the Union's rights for the application and enforcement of international trade rules, as set out in document PE- CONS 52/20; and
 - to the approval of the draft joint declarations, as set out in document 5448/21 ADD 2 and their publication in the Official Journal of the European Union together with the Commission statement and declarations, as set out in document 5448/21 ADD1 REV1.
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³ Council Decision (EU) 2021/26 of 12 January 2021 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, (EU) 2020/1253 and (EU) 2020/1659, in view of the travel difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in the Union (OJ L 11, 14.1.2021, p. 19–20)