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

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Subject: Draft DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on control of the acquisition and possession of weapons (codification) **(first reading)**  
- Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption of the legislative act

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1. On 19 February 2020, the Commission sent its proposal<sup>1</sup>, based on Article 114(1) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 10 June 2020<sup>2</sup>.
3. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal on 9 February 2021<sup>3</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> 6236/20 + ADD 1

<sup>2</sup> OJ C 311, 18.9.2020, p. 52

<sup>3</sup> 6023/21

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) 2021/26<sup>4</sup>, that the Council uses the written procedure for the adoption of the draft Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on control of the acquisition and possession of weapons (codification), as set out in document PE-CONS 56/20.
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<sup>4</sup> 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).