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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 on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers (EGF) and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013 (first reading) - Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reasons

1. On 30 May 2018 the Commission sent its proposal¹, based on the third paragraph of Article 175 TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 12 December 2018².
3. The Committee of the Regions delivered its opinion on 5 December 2018³.
4. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on 16 January 2019⁴.

¹ 9701/18 + COR 1 REV 1.
² OJ C 110, 22.3.2019, p. 82–86.
³ OJ C 86, 7.3.2019, p. 239–258.
⁴ 5392/19.

5. On 20 January 2021, the Permanent Representatives Committee confirmed the final compromise text on the above draft Regulation.
6. Subsequently, on 27 January 2021 the European Parliament's Committee on Employment and Social Affairs endorsed the final compromise text and by the means of a letter of the same date, the Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on Employment and Social Affairs informed the Chair of the Permanent Representatives Committee that the European Parliament should, at second reading, approve the Council's position at first reading without amendments.
7. 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) 2021/454⁵, that the Council uses the written procedure for the adoption of its position at first reading on the draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers (EGF) and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013 as set out in document 5532/21, and the statement of reasons as set out in document 5532/21 ADD 1.
8. The statements by Bulgaria, Hungary and Poland are set out in ADD 1 to this Note.

⁵ Council Decision (EU) 2021/454 of 12 March 2021 further extending the temporary derogation from the Council's Rules of Procedure introduced by Decision (EU) 2020/430, in view of the travel difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in the Union (OJ L 89, 16.3.2021, p. 15–16).