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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
establishing the Justice Programme and repealing Regulation (EU) No
1382/2013 **(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 Articles 81(1), 81(2) and 82(1) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 18 October 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 17 April 2019³.

¹ 9598/18 + ADD1.

² OJ C 62, 15.2.2019, p. 178–183.

³ 8656/19.

5. On 17 February 2021, the Permanent Representatives Committee reached a political agreement on the Council's position at first reading on the above draft Regulation⁴.
 6. 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 establishing the Justice Programme and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1382/2013 as set out in document 6834/20, and the statement of reasons as set out in document 6834/20 ADD 1.
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⁴ In accordance with the letter of 4 February 2021 sent by the Chair of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs to the Chair of COREPER, the European Parliament should, at second reading, approve the Council's position at first reading without amendment.

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, and extended by Decisions (EU) 2020/556, (EU) 2020/702, (EU) 2020/970, (EU) 2020/1253, (EU) 2020/1659 and (EU) 2021/26, in view of the travel difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in the Union (OJ L 89, 16.3.2021, p. 15–16).