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'I' ITEM NOTE

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

Subject: Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing the Union Space Programme and the European Union Agency for the Space Programme and repealing Regulations (EU) No 912/2010, (EU) No 1285/2013 and (EU) No 377/2014 and Decision No 541/2014/EU (**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 8 June 2018 the Commission sent its proposal¹, based on Article 189(2) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 17 October 2018².
3. The Committee of the Regions delivered its opinion on 6 December 2018³.
4. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on 17 April 2019⁴.

¹ 9898/18 + ADD1 to ADD4.
² OJ C 62, 15.2.2019, p. 51–55
³ OJ C 86, 7.3.2019, p. 365–370
⁴ 8573/19.

5. On 18 December 2020, the Permanent Representatives Committee confirmed the final compromise text on the above draft Regulation.
6. Subsequently, on 14 January 2021 the European Parliament's Committee on Industry, Research and Energy confirmed the provisional agreement and by the means of a letter of the same date, its chair informed the chair of Coreper 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. 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 to agree to the adoption of its position at first reading on the draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Union Space Programme and the European Union Agency for the Space Programme and repealing Regulations (EU) No 912/2010, (EU) No 1285/2013 and (EU) No 377/2014 and Decision No 541/2014/EU as set out in document 14312/20, and the statement of reasons as set out in document 14312/20 ADD 1.

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).