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

Subject: Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing the Internal Security Fund (**first reading**)
- Adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reasons

1. On 13 June 2018 the Commission sent its proposal¹, based on Articles 82(1), 84 and 87(2) 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 13 March 2019³.

¹ 10154/18 + ADD 1.

² OJ C 62, 15.2.2019, p. 189–193.

³ 7404/19.

5. On 1 March 2021 the European Parliament's Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) confirmed the provisional agreement and its chair sent a letter on 2 March 2021 to the chair of Coreper declaring that the European Parliament should, at its second reading, approve the Council's position at first reading (following a legal-linguistic review) without amendments.
6. The Permanent Representatives Committee confirmed on 10 March 2021 the provisional agreement reached by the co-legislators.
7. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to suggest that the Council adopt its position at first reading, as set out in document 6488/21, and the statement of reasons, as set out in document 6488/21 ADD 1, as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting, with the Czech Republic and Slovakia voting against.
8. The statements for the minutes of the Council meeting are set out in the Addendum 1 to this note.
