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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 Asylum, Migration and Integration 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 78(2), 79(2) and 79(4) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The Committee of the Regions delivered its opinion on 9 October 2018².
3. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 17 October 2018³.
4. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on 13 March 2019⁴.

¹ 10153/18 + ADD 1 to ADD 3.

² OJ C 461, 21.12.2018, p. 147–155.

³ OJ C 62, 15.2.2019, p. 184–188.

⁴ 7402/19.

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 6486/21 + REV 1 (ro), and the statement of reasons, as set out in document 6486/21 ADD 1, as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting, with Hungary voting against and Austria abstaining.
 8. The statements for the minutes of the Council meeting are set out in the Addendum 1 to this note.
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