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'A' ITEM NOTE

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Council

Subject: Draft DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE
COUNCIL on a European Year of Youth 2022 **(first reading)**
- Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 14 October 2021, the Commission sent its proposal¹, based on Articles 165(4) and 166(4), to the Council.
2. The European Committee of the Regions delivered its opinion on 2 December 2021².
3. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 8 December 2021³.

¹ 12873/21.

² Not yet published in the OJ.

³ Not yet published in the OJ.

4. On 10 December 2021, the Permanent Representatives Committee endorsed the agreement reached with the European Parliament and authorised the Chair to send a letter to the Chair of the CULT Committee stating that should the European Parliament adopt its position at first reading in the form set out in that letter, subject to revision by the legal linguists of both institutions, the Council would approve the European Parliament's position and the act shall be adopted in the wording which corresponds to the European Parliament's position.
5. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading at its plenary on 13-16 December 2021⁴.
6. At its meeting on 15 December 2021, the Permanent Representatives Committee agreed to invite the Council to approve the European Parliament's position at the first reading as set out in PE CONS 81/21 as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting, as well as the joint statement as set out in Addendum 1 to this note, to be published in the C series of the *Official Journal of the European Union*.
7. The Commission's statement for the minutes of the Council meeting and to be published in the C series of the *Official Journal of the European Union* is set out in the Addendum 2. The statements by Hungary and Poland for the minutes of the Council meeting are set out in Addendum 3 to this note.
8. The Council is invited to approve the European Parliament's position at the first reading as set out in PE-CONS 81/21 and the joint statement by the European Parliament and the Council as set out in Addendum 1 to this note.
9. If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the act shall be adopted in the wording, which corresponds to the European Parliament's position.

After being signed by the President of the European Parliament and the President of the Council, the legislative act will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

⁴ 14830/21.