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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 amending Regulation (EU) 2021/1057 establishing the European Social Fund <i>Plus</i> (ESF+) as regards specific measures to address strategic challenges (first reading) - Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 2 April 2025 the Commission submitted its proposal¹, based on Articles 164, 175, 177, and 322 TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 29 April 2025².
3. The European Court of Auditors delivered its opinion on 30 April 2025³.
4. The Committee of the Regions delivered its opinion on 15 May 2025⁴.

¹ 7690/25.

² OJ C, C/2025/3197, 2.7.2025, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/C/2025/3197/oj>

³ OJ C, C/2025/2988, 23.5.2025, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/C/2025/2988/oj>

⁴ OJ C, C/2025/3474, 16.7.2025, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/C/2025/3474/oj>

5. On 10 September 2025 the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal⁵. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council.
6. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to:
- confirm its agreement and to suggest that the Council approve the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE-CONS 36/25, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with Sweden and Finland voting against and Bulgaria abstaining;
 - decide to publish the statement set out in Addendum 1 in the C series of the *Official Journal of the European Union*.
7. The statements for the minutes of the Council meeting are set out in the Addenda 1 and 2 to this note.

If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

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

⁵ 12390/25.