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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 on European statistics on population and housing, amending Regulation (EC) No 862/2007 and repealing Regulations (EC) No 763/2008 and (EU) No 1260/2013 **(first reading)**
- Adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reasons

1. On 20 January 2023 the Commission submitted its proposal¹, based on Article 338(1) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Data Protection Supervisor delivered its opinion on 16 March 2023².
3. The Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 27 April 2023³.
4. The European Committee of the Regions delivered its opinion on 14 May 2025⁴.
5. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on 24 April 2024⁵.

¹ 5588/23 + ADD 1 to 7.
² OJ C 123, 5.4.2023, pp. 9–11.
³ OJ C 228, 29.6.2023, pp. 148–148.
⁴ 10505/25.
⁵ 11132/24.

6. The Permanent Representatives Committee confirmed on 28 May 2025 the provisional agreement reached by the co-legislators on the above Regulation⁶, after informal contacts had taken place between the Council and the European Parliament.
7. On 6 June 2025, the European Parliament's Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL) confirmed the provisional agreement and its Chair subsequently sent a letter to the Chair of the Permanent Representatives Committee stating that the European Parliament should, at its second reading, approve the Council's position at first reading (following a legal-linguistic revision) without amendments⁷.
8. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to suggest that the Council adopt its position at first reading, as set out in 9858/25, and the statement of reasons, as set out in 9858/25 ADD 1 REV 1, as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting, with Belgium, Italy and Finland abstaining.

⁶ 9153/25.
⁷ 12997/25.