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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Council
Subject:	Draft DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Directive (EU) 2017/2397 as regards the transitional measures for the recognition of third countries certificates (first reading) - Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 18 February 2021 the Commission sent its proposal¹, based on Article 91 TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 24 March 2021².
3. The European Committee of the Regions was consulted and decided not to give an opinion.

¹ 6209/21

² OJ C 220, 9.6.2021, p. 87–87

4. On 30 June 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 TRAN 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 6 July 2021.
6. At its meeting on 7 July 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 55/21 as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting.
7. The Council is invited to approve the European Parliament's position at the first reading as set out in PE-CONS 55/21.
8. If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will 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*.