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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: Draft Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the quality of water intended for human consumption (recast) **(first reading)**  
- Adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reasons

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1. On 1 February 2018 the Commission sent its proposal<sup>1</sup>, based on Article 192(1) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 11 July 2018<sup>2</sup>.
3. The Committee of the Regions delivered its opinion on 16 May 2018<sup>3</sup>.
4. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on 28 March 2019<sup>4</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> 5846/18.

<sup>2</sup> OJ C 367, 10.10.2018, p. 107.

<sup>3</sup> OJ C 361, 5.10.2018, p. 46.

<sup>4</sup> 7750/19.

5. On 5 March 2020, the Council reached a political agreement on the Council's position at first reading on the above draft Directive<sup>5</sup>.
6. The Permanent Representatives Committee is asked to suggest that the Council:
- adopt its position at first reading, as set out in document 6230/20 and the statement of reasons, as set out in document 6230/20 ADD 1, as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting with Austria abstaining and Bulgaria voting against;
  - order that the statements in the addendum to this note be entered in the minutes of that meeting.
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<sup>5</sup> In accordance with the letter of 18 February 2020 sent by the Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety to the Chair of COREPER, the European Parliament should, at second reading, approve the Council's position at first reading without amendment.