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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Directives 1999/62/EC, 1999/37/EC and (EU) 2019/520, as regards the charging of vehicles for the use of certain infrastructures (first reading) - Adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reasons

1. On 31 May 2017 the Commission sent its proposal¹, based on Article 91(1) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 18 October 2017².
3. The Committee of the Regions delivered its opinion on 1 February 2018³.
4. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on 25 October 2018⁴.
5. The Permanent Representatives Committee confirmed the provisional agreement reached in trilogues on 30 June 2021.

¹ 9672/17
² OJ C 81, 2.3.2018, p. 188–194
³ OJ C 176, 23.5.2018, p. 66–71
⁴ 13535/18

6. Subsequently, on 12 July 2021 the European Parliament Committee on Transport and Tourism (TRAN) confirmed the provisional agreement and on 14 July its chair sent a letter to the chair of COREPER declaring that the European Parliament should, at its second reading, approve the Council's position at first reading (following a legal-linguistic review) without amendments.
 7. The Permanent Representatives Committee is asked to suggest that the Council adopt its position at first reading, as set out in document 10542/21 + COR 1 and the statement of reasons, as set out in document 10542/21 ADD 1 + COR 1, as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting, with Slovakia abstaining and Austria, Denmark, Hungary, Luxembourg and the Netherlands voting against.
 8. The statements for the minutes of the Council meeting are set out in the Addendum 1 to this note.
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