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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council
Subject:	Proposal for a Council Implementing Decision amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1351 granting temporary support under Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to the Republic of Latvia to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak - Adoption

1. Council Regulation (EU) 2020/672 of 19 May 2020 on the establishment of a European instrument for temporary support to mitigate unemployment risks in an emergency (SURE) following the COVID-19 outbreak¹ (hereafter '-SURE Regulation') lays down the framework enabling the Union to provide financial assistance to Member States that are experiencing, or are seriously threatened with, a severe economic disturbance caused by the COVID-19 outbreak for the financing, primarily, of short-time work schemes or similar measures aimed at protecting employees and the self-employed and, as an ancillary, some health-related measures.
2. In accordance with Article 6 (1) of the SURE Regulation, financial assistance is to be made available by means of a Council implementing decision adopted on the basis of a proposal from the Commission.

¹ OJ L 159, 20.5.2020, p. 1–7

3. Temporary support under the SURE Regulation was granted to Latvia by Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1351 on 25 September 2020². Additional SURE support was allocated by Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/677 of 23 April 2021 amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1351³.
4. Following Latvia's request of 6 October 2022 for additional financial assistance under the SURE Regulation, the Commission, on 21 October 2022, adopted a proposal for a Council Implementing Decision amending Implementing Decision EU 2020/1343 granting temporary support under the SURE Regulation to the Republic of Latvia (ST 13940/22).
5. The abovementioned proposal was examined at the Financial Counsellors Working Party on 25 October 2022.
6. The technical preparatory work can now be considered complete, and the draft text of the amended Council Implementing Decision can be submitted to the Council for formal adoption.
7. It should be noted that in accordance with the third subparagraph of Article 297(2) of the TFEU and with Article 18(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, this Council decision, once adopted, is to be notified to the Member State, to which it is addressed, by the Secretary-General of the Council.
8. Pursuant to Article 122(2) of the TFEU, the European Parliament should be informed by the President of the Council of this Council Implementing Decision.

² OJ L 314, 29.9.2020, p. 10–12

³ OJ L 144, 27.4.2021, p. 7-11

9. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited:

- to confirm its agreement on the text of the Council Implementing Decision amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1351 granting temporary support under Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to the Republic of Latvia to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak, set out in document ST 13941/22, and
- to suggest that the Council adopt the above mentioned Council Implementing Decision as an "A" item at one of its forthcoming meetings.
