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

Subject: Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council
establishing a Recovery and Resilience Facility (**first reading**)
- Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption of the legislative
act

1. On 28 May 2020 the Commission sent its proposal¹, based on the third paragraph of Article 175 TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 15 July 2020².
3. The Committee of the Regions delivered its opinion on 14 October 2020³.
4. The European Parliament will adopt its position at first reading on the Commission proposal at its plenary on 8-11 February 2021.

¹ 8403/20.

² OJ C 364, 28.10.2020, p. 132.

³ OJ C 440, 18.12.2020, p. 160.

5. In view of the urgency of the matter, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to decide, in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure and Article 1 of Council Decision (EU) 2021/26⁴, that the Council uses the written procedure to agree:
- to the adoption of the draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Recovery and Resilience Facility, as set out in document PE- CONS 75/20⁵; and
 - to the approval of the draft joint declaration as set out in ADD 1 to this note and its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union* together with the joint declaration by the European Parliament and the Commission as set out in ADD 2 to this note.
6. The declarations by the Commission are set out in ADD 3 to this note.
7. Delegations' attention is drawn to the exceptionally short duration of this written procedure which would be launched on Wednesday, 10 February 2021, as soon as possible, and would end on Thursday, 11 February 2021 at 17h00 (Brussels time).
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⁴ Council Decision (EU) 2021/26 of 12 January 2021 further extending the temporary derogation from the Council's Rules of Procedure introduced by Decision (EU) 2020/430, and extended by Decisions (EU) 2020/556, (EU) 2020/702, (EU) 2020/970, (EU) 2020/1253 and (EU) 2020/1659, in view of the travel difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in the Union (OJ L 11, 14.1.2021, p. 19–20).

⁵ PE-CONS 75/20 will be available in due time.