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

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Subject: Draft Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2014/65/EU as regards information requirements, product governance and position limits, and Directives 2013/36/EU and (EU) 2019/878 as regards their application to investment firms, to help the recovery from the COVID-19 crisis **(first reading)**  
- Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption of the legislative act

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1. On 27 July 2020 the Commission sent its proposal<sup>1</sup>, based on Article 53(1) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 29 October 2020<sup>2</sup>.
3. The European Parliament will adopt its position at first reading on the Commission proposal at its plenary on 8-11 February 2021.

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<sup>1</sup> 9957/20.

<sup>2</sup> OJ C 10, 11.1.2021, p. 30.

4. 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) 2021/26<sup>3</sup>, that the Council uses the written procedure for the adoption of the draft Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2014/65/EU as regards information requirements, product governance and position limits, and Directives 2013/36/EU and (EU) 2019/878 as regards their application to investment firms, to help the recovery from the COVID-19 crisis, as set out in document PE- CONS 71/20<sup>4</sup>.
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<sup>3</sup> 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).

<sup>4</sup> PE-CONS 71/20 will be available in due time.