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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 Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE) and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013 **(first reading)**
- Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reasons

1. On 12 June 2018 the Commission sent its proposal¹, based on article 192 of the TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 17 October 2018².
3. The Committee of the Regions delivered its opinion on 9 October 2018³.
4. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on 17 April 2019⁴.

¹ 9651/1/18 REV1

² OJ C 62, 15.2.2019, p. 226–230

³ OJ C 461, 21.12.2018, p. 156–172

⁴ 8654/19

5. On 13 January 2021, the Permanent Representatives Committee confirmed the final compromise text on the above draft Regulation⁵.
6. Due to the special circumstances, 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) 2021/26⁶, that the Council uses the written procedure for the adoption of its position at first reading on the draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE) and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013, as set out in document 6077/20, and the Statement of reasons, as set out in document 6077/20 ADD 1.

⁵ In accordance with the letter of 15 January 2021, 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 (doc. 5239/21).

⁶ 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).