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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 measures for a sustainable rail market in view of the COVID-19 pandemic **(first reading)** - Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption of the legislative act

1. On 19 June 2020 the Commission sent its proposal[1], based on Article 91 TFEU, to the Council.

2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 16 July 2020[2].

3. The Committee of the Regions was consulted and decided not to issue an opinion.

4. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal on 17 September 2020.[3]

1 8976/20.
2 Not yet published in the OJ.
3 10779/20.

5. At its meeting on 23 September 2020 the Permanent Representatives Committee gave its agreement to the European Parliament's position and invited the Council to approve this position, as set out in PE-CONS 30/20.

6. Given the urgency entailed by the exceptional circumstances justifying the proposed measures, 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) 2020/556[4], that the Council uses the written procedure for the adoption of the draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing measures for a sustainable rail market in view of the COVID-19 pandemic, as set out in document PE-CONS 30/20.

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[4] Council Decision (EU) 2020/1253 of 4 September 2020 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 and (EU) 2020/970, in view of the travel difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in the Union (OJ L 294, 8.9.2020, p. 1–2)