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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 amending Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 as regards the adjustment of annual pre-financing for the years 2021 to 2023 **(first reading)** - Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption of the legislative act

1. On 7 September 2018 the Commission sent the above proposal[1], based on Article 177 TFEU, to the Council.

2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 23 January 2019[2].

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

4. On 4 April 2019 the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal[3]. The position of the European Parliament is the same as that of the Council, and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council as revised by the Legal linguists.

1 12025/18.
2 OJ C 159, 10.5.2019, p. 45.
3 8043/19.

5. 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) 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 amending Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 as regards the adjustment of annual pre-financing for the years 2021 to 2023, as set out in document PE-CONS 33/20.

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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)