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## **'I' ITEM NOTE**

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
Subject:	Draft DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL Amending Decision No 445/2014/EU establishing a Union action for the European Capitals of Culture for the years 2020 to 2033 (first reading)
	<ul> <li>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption of the legislative act</li> </ul>

- On 18 August 2020 the Commission sent its proposal<sup>1</sup>, based on Article 167(5) TFUE, to the 1. Council.
- 2. The Committee of the Regions was consulted and decided not to issue an opinion.
- 3. The European Parliament will adopt its position at first reading on the Commission proposal at its plenary on 14-17 December 2020.

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Doc. 10160/20 - COM(2020) 384 final.

4. Due to the special circumstances, the <u>Permanent Representatives Committee</u> 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) 2020/1659<sup>2</sup>, that the Council uses the written procedure for the adoption of the draft Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council Amending Decision No 445/2014/EU establishing a Union action for the European Capitals of Culture for the years 2020 to 2033, as set out in document PE- CONS 55/20<sup>3</sup>.

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Council Decision (EU) 2020/1659 of 6 November 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, (EU) 2020/970 and (EU) 2020/1253, in view of the travel difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in the Union (OJ L 376, 10.11.2020, p. 3–4)

PE-CONS 55/20 will be available in due time.