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REPLY TO PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION

Subject: AMENDMENT TO PRELIMINARY DRAFT REPLY TO QUESTION FOR

WRITTEN ANSWER

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'Hearing of 16 September 2019 as part of the rule of law procedure against

Hungary under Article 7(1) TEU'

<u>Delegation - Author:</u> The Netherlands

Place: Second paragraph

Amendment:

(...)

Standard modalities for hearings referred to in Article 7(1) TEU were approved by the Council on 18 July 2019¹. Those modalities lay down that in case of a reasoned proposal by the European Parliament, '(a)t the first hearing, the Presidency shall report to the Council about its contacts with

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the European Parliament on its Reasoned Proposal'. <u>In accordance with these modalities, on 16 September 2019</u>, the Presidency reported at the beginning of the hearing about its contacts with the European Parliament. In addition, informal exchanges took place on two occasions between the European Parliament and Member States since the European Parliament's adoption of the reasoned proposal regarding Hungary on 12 September 2018.

Justification:

The additional information shows the effort of the Council to involve the European Parliament in this process within the limits of the EU-treaties.