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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 223/2014 as regards the introduction of specific measures for addressing the crisis associated with the outbreak of COVID-19 (first reading) - Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption of the legislative act

1. On 28 May 2020, the Commission sent its proposal¹, based on the third paragraph of Article 175 TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 10 June 2020².
3. The Committee of the Regions has been consulted.
4. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal on 20 January 2021³.

¹ 8400/20.

² OJ C 311, 18.9.2020, p. 82.

³ 5412/21.

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) 2021/26⁴, that the Council uses the written procedure for the adoption of the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 223/2014 as regards the introduction of specific measures for addressing the crisis associated with the outbreak of COVID-19, as set out in document PE-CONS 51/20.
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⁴ 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).