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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 Council Regulation (EEC) No 95/93 as regards temporary relief from the slot utilisation rules at Community airports due to the COVID-19 pandemic (first reading)
	 Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption of the legislative act
	 Decision to derogate from the 8-week period provided for in Article 4 of Protocol 1 on the role of national parliaments in the EU

- 1. On 16 December 2020 the Commission sent its proposal¹, based on Article 100(2) TFEU, to the Council.
- 2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 27 January 2021².
- 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 4. at its plenary on 8-11 February 2021.

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¹ Doc. 13806/20.

Not yet published in the OJ.

- 5. In view of the urgency of the matter, 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) 2021/26³, that the Council uses the written procedure:
 - for the adoption of the draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 95/93 as regards temporary relief from the slot utilisation rules at Community airports due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as set out in document PE- CONS 1/21⁴; and
 - for the decision to derogate, on the basis of the second subparagraph of Article 3(3) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, from the eight-week period referred to in the first subparagraph of that Article.

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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).

⁴ PE-CONS 1/21 will be available in due time.