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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) 2019/631 as regards strengthening the CO2 emission performance standards for new passenger cars and new light commercial vehicles in line with the Union's increased climate ambition **(first reading)** - Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 14 July 2021, the Commission sent its proposal[1], based on Article 192(1) TFEU, to the Council.

2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 19 January 2022[2].

3. The Committee of the Regions delivered its opinion on 27 January 2022[3].

4. On 14 February 2023, the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council[4].

1 Doc. 10906/21 - COM(2021) 556 final.
2 OJ C 194, 12.5.2022, p. 81.
3 OJ C 270, 13.7.2022, p. 38.
4 Doc. 6421/23.

5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to confirm its agreement and to suggest that the Council approve the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE-CONS 66/22, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with Poland voting against and Bulgaria abstaining.

6. The statement for the minutes of the Council meeting is set out in the Addendum 1 to this note.

7. If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

   After being signed by the Presidents of the European Parliament and of the Council, the legislative act will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.