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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 1303/2013, Regulation (EU) No 1301/2013 and Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 as regards specific measures to mobilise investments in the health care systems of the Member States and in other sectors of their economies in response to the COVID-19 outbreak [Coronavirus Response Investment Initiative] **(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 13 March 2020 the Commission sent its proposal[1], based on Articles 43(2), 177 and 178 TFEU, to the Council.

2. The European Economic and Social Committee was consulted and is set to reply shortly.

3. The Committee of the Regions was consulted and is set to reply shortly.

4. The European Parliament will adopt its position at first reading on the Commission proposal on 26 March 2020.

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5. Given the urgency entailed by the exceptional circumstances justifying the proposed measures, it will only be possible to adopt the Regulation via the written procedure, which would be launched on **Friday, 27 March 2020 at 11.00** and would end on **Monday, 30 March 2020 at 10.00 (Brussels time)**.

6. In view of the above, 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 2020/430, that the Council uses the written procedure:

   – for the adoption of the draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, Regulation (EU) No 1301/2013 and Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 as regards specific measures to mobilise investments in the health care systems of the Member States and in other sectors of their economies in response to the COVID-19 outbreak [Coronavirus Response Investment Initiative], as set out in document PE- CONS 5/20[2]; and

   – for the adoption, on the basis of Article 3(3) of the Council Rules of Procedure, of the derogation from the 8 week period provided for in Article 4 of Protocol 1 on the role of national Parliaments in the European Union.

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[2] PE-CONS 5/20 will be available on Friday 27 March 2020 at 11.00.