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To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
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Subject:	Council Regulation activating the emergency support under Regulation (EU) 2016/369, and amending its provisions taking into account the COVID-19 outbreak

1. On 2 April 2020, the Commission forwarded to the Council a proposal for a Council Regulation activating the emergency support under Council Regulation (EU) 2016/369 of 15 March 2016 and amending its provisions in respect of the COVID-19 outbreak.

2. The objective of the proposal is to activate support under the Emergency Support Regulation (No 2016/369) from 1 February 2020 and for a period of two years, and to amend some of its provisions, which will allow the Union to deploy measures preventing and mitigating severe consequences in one or more Member States and addressing in a coordinated manner the needs related to the COVID-19 disaster, by complementing assistance provided through other EU instruments.

3. The Budget Committee examined the proposal at its meeting on 6 April and was able to approve it.

4. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to:

   – examine and confirm its agreement on the text of the Council Regulation activating the emergency support under Regulation (EU) 2016/369, and amending its provisions taking into account the COVID-19 outbreak, as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts;

   – 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[1], that the Council uses the written procedure for its adoption.

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[1] Council Decision (EU) 2020/430 of 23 March 2020 on a temporary derogation from the Council's Rules of Procedure in view of the travel difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in the Union (OJ L 88 I, 24.3.2020, p. 1).