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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
Subject:	Draft Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on providing Macro-Financial Assistance to enlargement and neighbourhood partners in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic crisis **(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 22 April 2020 the Commission sent its proposal[1], based on Article 212(2) TFEU, to the Council.

2. The European Parliament will adopt its position at first reading on the Commission proposal at its plenary on 13-16 May 2020.

3. Given the urgency entailed by the exceptional circumstances justifying the proposed measures, it will only be possible to adopt the Decision via the written procedure.

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4. 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 (EU) 2020/556[2], that the Council uses the written procedure:

– for the adoption of the draft Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on providing Macro-Financial Assistance to enlargement and neighbourhood partners in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic crisis, as set out in document PE- CONS 11/20[3]; and

– 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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[2] Council Decision (EU) 2020/556 of 21 April 2020 extending the temporary derogation from the Council's Rules of Procedure introduced by Decision (EU) 2020/430 in view of the travel difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in the Union (OJ L 128I, 23.4.2020, p. 1).

[3] PE-CONS 11/20 will be available in due time.