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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Council
Subject:	Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing a Social Climate Fund and amending Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 (first reading) - Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 14 July 2021, the Commission submitted its proposal¹, based on Article 91(1), point (d), Article 192(1) and Article 194(1), point (c), TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 9 December 2021².
3. The European Committee of the Regions delivered its opinion on 27 April 2022³.
4. The European Court of Auditors delivered its opinion on 15 December 2022⁴.

¹ 10920/21 + COR 1 + ADD 1 + ADD 1 COR 1.

² OJ C 152, 6.4.2022, p. 158.

³ OJ C 301, 5.8.2022, p. 70.

⁴ OJ C 17, 18.1.2023, p. 9.

5. On 18 April 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 Council⁵.
6. At its meeting on 19 April 2023 the Permanent Representatives Committee agreed to suggest that the Council approve the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE-CONS 11/23, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with Finland voting against and Belgium and Poland abstaining.
7. The statements for the minutes of the Council meeting are set out in the Addendum to this note.
8. The Council is invited to approve the European Parliament's position at the first reading as set out in PE-CONS 11/23.
9. 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*.

⁵ 7978/23.