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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 establishing the Connecting Europe Facility and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1316/2013 and (EU) No 283/2014 (first reading) - Adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reasons

1. On 6 June 2018 the Commission sent its proposal¹, based on Articles 172 and 194 TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 19 September 2018².
3. The Committee of the Regions delivered its opinion on 10 October 2018³.
4. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on 17 April 2019⁴.

¹ 9951/18 + ADD 1 and 2.
² OJ C 440, 6.12.2018, p. 191–198.
³ OJ C 461, 21.12.2018, p. 173–195.
⁴ 8577/19.

5. The Permanent Representatives Committee confirmed on 24 March 2021 the provisional agreement reached by the co-legislators.
 6. On 15 April 2021, the European Parliament's Committees on Industry, Research and Industry (ITRE) and on Transport and Tourism (TRAN) confirmed the provisional agreement, and their chairs subsequently sent a letter to the chair of Coreper declaring that the European Parliament should, at its second reading, approve the Council's position at first reading (following a legal-linguistic review) without amendments.
 7. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to suggest that the Council:
 - adopt its position at first reading, as set out in document 6115/21 + REV 1 (et), and the statement of reasons, as set out in document 6115/21 ADD 1, as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting;
 - approve the joint statement by the Council and the Commission as set out in Addendum 1 to this note.
 8. The joint statement by the Council and the Commission for the minutes of the Council meeting is set out in Addendum 1. The statement by Poland for the minutes of the Council meeting is set out in Addendum 2.
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