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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Permanent Representatives Committee

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Subject: Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 in order to provide financial assistance to Member States and countries negotiating their accession to the Union seriously affected by a major public health emergency **(first reading)**  
- Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption of the legislative act

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1. On 13 March 2020 the Commission sent its proposal<sup>1</sup>, based on third paragraph of Article 175 and Article 212(2) 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 decided not to issue an opinion.
4. The European Parliament will adopt its position at first reading on the Commission proposal on 26 March 2020.

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<sup>1</sup> 6817/20.

5. Given the need to sign the act on 30 March 2020, 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**.
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 draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 in order to provide financial assistance to Member States and countries negotiating their accession to the Union seriously affected by a major public health emergency, as set out in document PE- CONS 6/20<sup>2</sup>.
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<sup>2</sup> PE-CONS 6/20 will be available on Friday 27 March 2020 at 11.00.