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

Subject: Proposal for the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 862/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Community statistics on migration and international protection
= Political agreement

1. On 16 May 2018 the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 862/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Community statistics on migration and international protection.
2. With a view of advancing discussions, on 31 May 2018 the incoming Austrian Presidency launched a written consultation with the delegations on the proposal. The Presidency compromise proposal prepared taking into account delegations' comments received during this consultation was discussed at the Council Working Party on Statistics (CWPS) meetings on 11 July, 3 September and 26 September 2018.

3. The revised Presidency compromise proposal including a few amendments proposed at the meeting on 26 September 2018 was endorsed on 18 October 2018 through the silence procedure. On 31 October 2018 COREPER adopted the mandate to start interinstitutional negotiations on the revised Migration Statistics Regulation.
4. The first political trilogue and technical meeting were held under the Austrian Presidency in December 2018, after which the Romanian Presidency continued an intensive schedule of political and technical meetings with the Parliament and the Commission. The technical meeting on 25 January 2018 finalised the compromise on the revised Migration Statistics Regulation, which was later provisionally endorsed at the political trilogue held on 31 January 2019.
5. However, the above-mentioned compromise did not receive enough support from the delegations and the Romanian Presidency continued the discussions with a view to finding a compromise on the basis of progress achieved which would be acceptable to the majority of the Member States.
6. On 16 April 2019, on the basis of the LIBE report, the Parliament adopted its first reading position on the revised Migration Statistics Regulation.
7. The Finnish Presidency continued the efforts of the Romanian Presidency by further discussing the revised Migration Statistics Regulation at the CWPS meetings on 26 September and 31 October 2019. The second Finnish compromise proposal, outlined in document 13450/19, was widely supported by the delegations at the COREPER meeting on 20 November 2019.

8. The above-mentioned compromise proposal was presented at the political trilogue on 28 November 2019 and provisionally endorsed with a change in recital 11.
9. On 28 November 2019 the above-mentioned compromise resulting from the interinstitutional negotiations, set out in document 13193/19, was submitted to the CWPS and was supported by a large majority of delegations. On 4 December 2019, COREPER confirmed the agreement reached on the revised Migration Statistics Regulation, contained in document 13193/19.
10. At its meeting on 9 December 2019, the LIBE Committee of the European Parliament voted on the text agreed in the trilogue. Subsequently, the Chair of the Permanent Representatives Committee received a letter from the Chair of the LIBE Committee indicating he would recommend to LIBE and Plenary, and subject to lawyer-linguist revision, to approve the agreement reached in the trilogue without amendments, and containing the text of the revised Migration Statistics Regulation (15174/19).
11. The compromise text submitted by the European Parliament is identical to the compromise text provided to the Permanent Representatives Committee on 4 December November 2019 in the form of document 13193/19.
12. **On this basis, COREPER is invited to advise the Council to adopt a Political agreement on the text of the revised Migration Statistics Regulation, contained in 15174/19.**
