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**Subject: Council's position in view of the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Defence Fund 2021–2027 (COD 2018/0254) - Early second reading agreement**

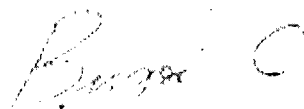
Dear Mr Brito,

I understand that at its meeting of 18 December 2020, COREPER II decided to accept the result of the last informal trilogue held on 14 December 2020 regarding the abovementioned Regulation.

I would like to inform you that should the Council transmit formally to the Parliament its position in the form as it stands in the Annex, I will, in my capacity as Chair of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy, recommend to the Plenary that the Council's position be accepted without amendment, subject to legal-linguistic verification, at Parliament's second reading.

At the same time, I would like to thank all those involved from the Council side for the efforts made and the work accomplished to achieve an early second reading agreement on this file.

Yours sincerely,



Cristian-Silviu BUȘOI

Annex: text agreed