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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 specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments (2018/0199 (COD)) - Early second reading agreement**

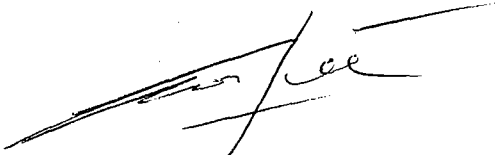
Dear Mr Brito,

I understand that at its meeting of 16/12/2020 COREPER decided to accept the outcome of the inter-institutional negotiations regarding the above-mentioned Regulation. In addition, I am pleased to inform you that the REGI committee voted on 18/12/2020 to confirm the agreement reached in inter-institutional negotiations.

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 Regional Development, 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 the German Presidency for the efforts made and the work accomplished to achieve an early second reading agreement on this file.

Yours sincerely,



Younous Omarjee

Annex: text agreed