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**Press release
by Clément BEAUNE, French Minister for European affairs
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We regretfully acknowledge that, as a result of the public health situation, the European Parliament has decided that the next plenary session, due to be held 14 to 17 September 2020, will not take place in Strasbourg.

Over the past few weeks, the State, the City of Strasbourg and regional and local authorities have been working closely together to enable the European Parliament to return to its seat, using a strict protocol and in full compliance with health rules. The French authorities will continue to make every effort to ensure the safety both of the inhabitants of Strasbourg and Parliamentary staff.

France is firmly committed to the legitimacy of Strasbourg as seat of the European Parliament and is calling for a swift return to holding the plenary sessions in the city. This is the undertaking made today by the President of the European Parliament and we will be monitoring its implementation closely.

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