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

Subject: European Court of Auditors' Special Report No 33/2018: "Combating desertification in the EU: a growing threat in need of more action"

- *Designation of Working Party*

1. On 18 December 2018, the European Court of Auditors published Special Report No 33/2018 entitled "Combating desertification in the EU: a growing threat in need of more action"¹.
2. Under the rules laid down in the Council conclusions on improving the examination of special reports drawn up by the Court of Auditors², it is suggested that the Permanent Representatives Committee instruct the Working Party on International Environment Issues - Desertification to examine the report in accordance with those rules.

¹ This special report is available in 23 EU languages on the Court's website:
<http://eca.europa.eu>.

² Doc. 7515/00 FIN 127 + COR 1.