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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Call for action: "Raising Ambition for Climate Adaptation and Resilience " – Approval of joining the Call on behalf of the European Union

1. On 28 July 2020, the Commission transmitted to the Council an Information Note¹, setting out its intention to enter on behalf of the EU into a non-binding instrument containing political commitments² entitled "A Call for action: Raising Ambition for Climate Adaptation and Resilience"³.
2. On 21 September 2020, the Council authorised the Commission to enter into discussion on the text of this Call, prompting the Commission to request the authorisation of the Council to join the Call on behalf of the European Union.

¹ Doc. WK 8671/2020.

² Based on the Arrangements for Non-Binding Instruments agreed by the Council, the Commission and the EEAS in December 2017 (Doc. ST 15367/17).

³ This Call was initiated by UK and Egypt at the occasion of the Global Climate Action Summit convened by United Nations Secretary-General on 23 September 2019.

3. The Commission's request for the Council's authorisation, together with the text of the Call, was considered at informal videoconference meetings of the WPIEI Climate change on 29 September and the WPE on 6 October 2020. Subsequently, the agreement on the Commission's request for authorisation at Working Party level was reached through an informal silence procedure on 8 October 2020⁴.
 4. The text of the Call, attached to ST 10539/20, is considered as final and no further changes to the text are expected. However, in case further changes are proposed, they can only be accepted to the extent they are in line with existing Union policies and legislation as well as agreed positions of the EU and its Member States.
 5. Against this background, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to suggest to the Council to authorise the Commission to join the Call on behalf of the European Union.
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⁴ Doc. WK 10644/2020 REV 1 COR 1 + ADD 1