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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)
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Subject:	Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION establishing a dedicated financial programme for decommissioning of nuclear facilities and management of radioactive waste, and repealing Council Regulation (Euratom) No 1368/2013 - Decision to consult an institution or body

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1. On 13 June 2018, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Regulation establishing a dedicated financial programme for decommissioning of nuclear facilities and management of radioactive waste, and repealing Council Regulation (Euratom) No 1368/2013.
2. The Atomic Questions Working Party has discussed the proposal and reached a provisional agreement at its level following an informal written consultation, ending on 3 November 2020, with no delegations raising objections.
3. The special meeting of the European Council of 17-21 July 2020 adopted European Council conclusions covering also the revenue for the MFF 2021-2027<sup>1</sup> including the budget for this programme.

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<sup>1</sup> EUCO 10/20

4. The European Parliament was initially consulted in July 2018 and has given its opinion on 7 December 2018. Since then, the provisional agreement reached at the level of the Atomic Questions Working Party has substantially amended the Commission's proposal. Therefore, another consultation is deemed to be necessary.
5. Following the consultation of the European Parliament, horizontal agreement on the MFF package and the legal-linguist revision, the text of this Council regulation will be submitted to Coreper and Council for final adoption.
6. In light of the above, with a view to that consultation, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to:
  - confirm the revised text of the Council Regulation, as set out in doc. 12525/20;
  - decide to forward the revised text of the Council Regulation, as set out in doc. 12525/20, to the European Parliament, and invite the European Parliament to take it into consideration when drawing up its opinion.
  - in view of the urgency, as this programme is due to commence on 1 January 2021, invite the European Parliament to make its best efforts to provide its opinion no later than 11 December.

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