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from:	Working Party on General Affairs
to:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)
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Subject:	Transparency Register - Approval of holding reply to the letter of Mr Rainer WIELAND, Vice-President of the European Parliament, and Mr Maroš ŠEFČOVIČ, Vice-President of the European Commission*

1. On 19 December 2012, Mr WIELAND, Vice-President of the European Parliament, and Mr ŠEFČOVIČ, Vice-President of the European Commission, sent a letter to Mr MAVROYIANNIS, Chairman of the Chairman of General Affairs Council on the Transparency Register including the annual report 2012 on the operations of the Register¹.

In the letter, the Council is invited to consider issues addressed in this annual report, to provide any input contributing to the review process of the Register and to provide any conclusions made on the participation of the General Secretariat of the Council as observer in the Register.

* Item on which a procedural decision may be adopted by Coreper in accordance with Article 19 (7) (k) of the Council's Rules of Procedure

¹ Doc. 5081/13

2. While waiting for the outcome of the examination of the issues raised in the letter, the Working Party on General Affairs examined, at its meeting of 1 February 2013, a draft holding reply to the letter of the two vice-presidents.
 3. The Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to approve the draft holding reply in Annex in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Council (Article 19 (7) (k)).
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Council of the European Union
The President

Mr Rainer Wieland, Vice-President of the European Parliament
Mr Maroš Šefčovič, Vice-President of the European Commission

Dear Vice-Presidents,

Thank you for your letter of 19 December 2012 regarding the Joint Transparency Register including the first European Parliament/Commission 2012 annual report on the operations of the Register.

The Council is currently examining the annual report and will undertake an evaluation of the Council participation as observer in the Register in light of the experience of the Council observer gained during the last months.

We will be pleased to come back to you once the examination has been concluded.

Yours sincerely,
