



**COUNCIL OF  
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

**Brussels, 13 June 2013**

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**CES 23**

**“I” ITEM NOTE**

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from:	General Secretariat
to:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)
Subject:	COUNCIL DECISION appointing the Croatian members of the European Economic and Social Committee - Use of the written procedure*

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1. In accordance with Article 23 of the Act of Accession of the Republic of Croatia, the European Economic and Social Committee shall be temporarily increased by the appointment of nine Croatian members representing civil society, notably in socio-economic, civic, professional and cultural areas. The terms of office of the members thus appointed will expire at the same time as those of the members in office at the time of accession, i.e. on 20 September 2015, or until the entry into force of the decision referred to in Article 301, second paragraph, TFEU, whichever comes first.
2. Under Article 302 TFEU, the Council appoints the Committee's members after consulting the Commission, in accordance with the proposals made by each Member State.

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\* Item on which a procedural decision may be taken by Coreper, in accordance with Article 19(7)(e) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.

3. The government of the Republic of Croatia notified the Council of the names of its candidates on 10 April 2013<sup>1</sup>.
4. The Commission was consulted on the nominations on 18 April 2013 and gave a favourable opinion on 31 May 2013.
5. The Decision appointing the Croatian members of the Economic and Social Committee is not included in the measures referred to in Article 3(4) of the Treaty of Accession<sup>2</sup> that may be adopted prior to the accession. In order to ensure such appointment as of the date of accession and since there is no Council meeting foreseen on 1 July 2013, such appointment decision needs to be taken by written procedure to be completed on **1 July 2013**.
6. Coreper is accordingly requested to:
  - (a) recommend that the Council adopt the Decision appointing the Croatian members of the European Economic and Social Committee, as set out in 10106/13 CES 21 (as finalised by the legal/linguistic experts);
  - (b) decide, in accordance with Article 19(7)(e) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, to use the written procedure referred to in Article 12(1) thereof to adopt the Decision referred to in (a).

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<sup>1</sup> cf. doc. 8402/13.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 112, 24.4.2012, p. 14.