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Subject: Written procedure relating to the adoption of the Council's position on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2014

On 18 July 2013, the Permanent Representatives Committee reached an agreement on the Council's position on the draft budget of the European Union for the financial year 2014 and on the use of the written procedure for its adoption by the Council.

Would you therefore please state whether you agree on:

- the confirmation of the outcome of the Permanent Representatives Committee's proceedings as recorded in documents 12222/13 + ADD 1 + ADD 2 + ADD 3 + ADD 4 + ADD 5;
- the consequent adoption of the Council's position on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2014 as set out in the above mentioned documents;

- giving a mandate to the Presidency, assisted by the General Secretariat of the Council, to forward the Council's position together with the explanatory memorandum to the European Parliament, in accordance with Article 314(3) of the TFEU,
- entering into the Council's minutes the statements recorded in Annex 2 to document 12222/13, and
- the publication of the Council's position in the *Official Journal of the European Union* as set out in Annex 1 to document 12222/13.

Please answer "YES", "NO" or "ABSTAIN" to this question.

Any unilateral statements should be made separately.

Replies must reach the General Secretariat of the Council **by 17H00 on Monday 2 September 2013**. They may be faxed to +32.2-281.92.98, for the attention of Ms Carmen Ragione, or sent by e-mail to **karen.geraert@consilium.europa.eu** or **stefanie.holderbaum@consilium.europa.eu**.