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“I/A” ITEM NOTE

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: COREPER/COUNCIL

Subject: COUNCIL DECISION amending Decision 1999/70/EC concerning the external auditors of the national central banks, as regards the external auditors of the Banque de France

1. On 28 March 2012, the Governing Council of the European Central Bank recommended to the Council to approve, in conformity with Article 27.1 of the Statute of the European System of Central Banks (ESCB) and the European Central Bank (ECB), as the external and deputy auditors of the Banque de France for the financial years 2012 to 2017:
 - Deloitte & Associés and KPMG SA as the external auditors
 - B.E.A.S. as deputy auditors to Deloitte & Associés and KPMG Audit FS I SAS as deputy auditors to KPMG SA

2. COREPER could therefore invite the Council to adopt, as an "A" item at one of its forthcoming meetings, the relevant Decision as it has been finalised by the Jurist-Linguists in document 8616/12 UEM 68 OC 182.