



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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"I/A" ITEM NOTE

from: General Secretariat of the Council
to: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council

Subject: European Economic and Social Committee
– Appointment of a member (UK)

1. By letter dated 18 September 2012 the United Kingdom Government put forward for membership of the Economic and Social Committee Mr Richard BALFE in place of Mr Sukhdev SHARMA, whose term of office had ended ¹.
2. Under Article 302 TFEU, the Council appoints the Committee's members after consulting the Commission.
3. The Commission was consulted on the nomination on 4 October 2012 and gave a favourable opinion on it on 25 October 2012.

¹ cf. doc. 14371/12 CES 30.

4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked :
- to suggest that the Council adopt the Decision as set out in 15349/12 CES 37;
 - to decide to use the written procedure in order to allow the new member to participate in the next Plenary Session of the Economic and Social Committee on 14 November 2012, in absence of a session of the Council before this date.
5. That Decision will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union in conformity with Article 297(2), second subparagraph TFEU.
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