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CES 21

'I/A' ITEM NOTE

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: Draft Council Decision appointing a member, proposed by the Kingdom of Belgium, of the European Economic and Social Committee
- Adoption

1. On 23 May 2016 the Belgian Government put forward for membership of the Economic and Social Committee Mr Paul SOETE in place of Mr Rudi THOMAES, who had resigned¹.
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 2 June 2016 and gave a favourable opinion on 1 July 2016.
4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to suggest that the Council adopt the Decision set out in 10687/16 CES 21 as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting.
5. That Decision will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union in conformity with Article 297(2), second subparagraph TFEU.

¹ 9557/16 CES 17.