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Subject: Adoption of the Council's position on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2017
– *Initiation of written procedure*

On 20 July 2016, the Permanent Representatives Committee reached an agreement on the Council's position on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2017 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 11166/16 + ADD 1 to 6;
- the consequent adoption of the Council's position on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2017 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) TFEU, and approving the letter set out in Annex III to document 11166/16;
- entering into the Council's minutes the statements recorded in Annex II to document 11166/16, and
- the publication of the Council's position in the *Official Journal of the European Union* as set out in Annex I to document 11166/16.

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

Any possible further unilateral statements should be made separately.

Replies must reach the General Secretariat of the Council **by 12H00 on Monday 12 September 2016**. They may be faxed to +32.2-281.92.98, for the attention of Ms Rita Gomes Pires, or sent by e-mail to **ritasofia.gomespires@consilium.europa.eu** and **karen.geeraert@consilium.europa.eu**.