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'I/A' ITEM NOTE

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)/Council

Subject: Draft COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2016/... of ... determining, for the General Secretariat of the Council, the appointing authority and the authority empowered to conclude contracts of employment and repealing Decision 2013/811/EU
- Adoption

1. On 8 December 2016, the General Secretariat of the Council communicated the draft Council Decision determining, for the General Secretariat of the Council, the appointing authority and the authority empowered to conclude contracts of employment and repealing Decision 2013/811/EU¹. The legal basis of the draft Council Decision is Article 240(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. It seeks to promote administrative simplification and effective management of personnel of the General Secretariat by extending the scope of delegating powers from the Secretary-General to the Director-General of Administration and to other Directors-General, as regards the application of the Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Union.

¹ ST 15402/16.

2. The text of this draft Decision was presented to the Working Party meeting on the Staff Regulations on 12 December 2016. A generally positive stance was expressed at that meeting. Additional clarification regarding the proposed changes was provided by the General Secretariat in writing afterwards, with a deadline of 13 January 2017 set for lifting any scrutiny reservations.

 3. Against this background, the Permanent Representatives Committee could therefore suggest that the Council adopt, as an "A" item on its agenda, the Council Decision determining, for the General Secretariat of the Council, the appointing authority and the authority empowered to conclude contracts of employment and repealing Decision 2013/811/EU, as finalised by the legal/linguistic experts and set out in ST 15606/16.
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