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Subject: – Draft reply of the Council of the European Union to the Own-initiative inquiry OI/2/2017/AB by the European Ombudsman concerning access to documents relating to Council preparatory bodies when discussing draft EU legislative acts
– Initiation of written procedure

MESSAGE

In accordance with the provisions of Article 12 of the Council's Rules of Procedure, please state whether you agree to:

1. the use of the written procedure to adopt the reply referred to below concerning the own-initiative inquiry OI/2/2017/AB by the European Ombudsman concerning access to documents relating to Council preparatory bodies when discussing draft EU legislative acts;
2. the adoption by the Council of the reply to own-initiative inquiry OI/2/2017/AB contained in document 8808/1/17 REV 1;

3. the publication of the outcome of this written procedure, including the names of the Member States voting NO to the second question or abstaining, as well as possible unilateral statements.

You may answer YES or NO to each question; you may also answer ABSTENTION to the second and third question.

Any unilateral statements must be made separately.

The replies should be sent by fax or e-mail to the General Secretariat of the Council by Wednesday 19 July 2017 at 5 p.m. at the latest, for the attention of Mr Fernando PAULINO PEREIRA, DG F 2B, Transparency, either by fax (+32 (0)2 281 63 61) or by e-mail (council.transparency@consilium.europa.eu).
