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

Subject: Special Report No 11/2014 "The establishment of the European External Action Service"

1. On 2 July 2014, the General Secretariat of the Council received the European Court of Auditors' Special Report No 11/2014 entitled, "The establishment of the European External Action Service (EEAS)"¹.
2. Under the rules laid down in the Council conclusions on improving the examination of special reports drawn up by the Court of Auditors², such reports are normally examined by the Council, and further to this examination, the Council adopts conclusions.
3. The Council however has recently examined these matters in the context of the EEAS Review, set out in the decision establishing the EEAS and consequently adopted conclusions, in December 2013³.
4. Against this background, the Council does not deem opportune to adopt additional conclusions on the matter, especially since no new developments have taken place since the adoption of the conclusions.

¹ This special report is available on the Court's website: <http://eca.europa.eu>.

² Doc. 7515/00 FIN 127 + COR 1.

³ Doc. 17853/13.

5. The Council however would like to draw the attention of the new High Representative to the Special Report, in particular to its recommendations, and invites the High Representative to take these into account when addressing issues related to the functioning of the EEAS.
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