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from: General Secretariat of the Council
to: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council

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Subject: European Economic and Social Committee
- Appointment of a member (DE)

1. On 5 November 2014 the German Government put forward for membership of the European Economic and Social Committee Mr Gerhard HANDKE in place of Mr Göke FRERICHS, who had died ¹.
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 19 November 2014 and gave a favourable opinion on it on 9 December 2014.
4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to suggest that the Council adopt the Decision set out in 13883/14 CES 71 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 cf. doc. 15571/14 CES 66.