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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council

Subject: Draft Council Decision appointing the members of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period from 21 September 2015 to 20 September 2020
- Adoption

1. The term of office of the Economic and Social Committee expired on 20 September 2015. Pursuant to Article 302 of TFUE, the Governments of the Member States had to forward to the General Secretariat their proposals for candidates for appointment as members of the Committee.
2. Since not all Member States had sent a list of candidates - or only sent a partial one - by 8 September 2015, a second and final renewal decision is now to be adopted by the Council following the completion of the candidates' lists forwarded by the Member States. The remaining members should be appointed as from 21 September 2015, as was the case for the members appointed by the first renewal decision.

3. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to suggest that the Council adopt the Decision contained in doc. 12192/15 CES 57, as finalised by legal-linguistic experts, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting.
 4. That Decision will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union in conformity with Article 297(2), second subparagraph TFEU.
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