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

Subject: Council Decision fixing the period for the ninth election of representatives to the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage
– Adoption

1. In accordance with Article 10(1) of the Act concerning the election of the members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage of 20 September 1976 ("Electoral Act")¹, the 2019 elections to the European Parliament should take place from 6 to 9 June 2019. However, in accordance with Article 11(2), second subparagraph, of the Electoral Act, if it proves impossible to hold the elections during that period, the Council acting unanimously shall, after consulting the European Parliament, determine, at least one year before the end of the five-year term, another electoral period which shall not be more than two months before or one month after the period normally applicable.

¹ OJ L 278, 8.10.1976, p. 5; last amended by Council Decision 2002/772/EC, Euratom (OJ L 283, 21.10.2002, p. 1).

2. Following discussion by the Working Party on General Affairs, the Council (GAC) decided on 20 March 2018 to consult the European Parliament on a draft Council decision fixing the period for the ninth election of representatives to the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage from 23 to 26 May 2019².
 3. On 18 April 2018, the European Parliament adopted its opinion³.
 4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to suggest to the Council to adopt the Decision set out in document 7162/18 PE 38 INST 114 POLGEN 29.
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² Doc. 6948/18.

³ Opinion of 18 April 2018 (not yet published in the Official Journal).