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'I/A' ITEM NOTE

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

Subject: COUNCIL DECISION amending the Decision 1997/70/EC concerning the external auditors of the national central banks, as regards the external auditors of the Lietuvos bankas

1. Pursuant to Article 27.1 of the Statute of the European System of Central Banks (ESCB) and the European Central Bank (ECB), the accounts of the ECB and national central banks are to be audited by independent auditors recommended by the Governing Council of the ECB and approved by the Council.
2. On 18 May 2018, the ECB Governing Council recommended that the Council approve UAB Deloitte Lietuva as the external auditors of the Lietuvos bankas for the financial years 2018 to 2021.
3. The Permanent Representatives Committee could therefore invite the Council to adopt, as an 'A' item at one of its forthcoming meetings, the relevant Decision as finalised by the lawyer-linguists in document ST 9602/18.