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

Subject: Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the General Court
- Approval by the Council

1. Pursuant to Article 254, fifth paragraph TFEU, "*the General Court shall establish its Rules of Procedure in agreement with the Court of Justice. Those Rules shall require approval of the Council.*"
2. With reference to the aforementioned provision, the President of the General Court of the European Union submitted, by letter dated 5 March 2018, two draft amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the General Court for the approval of the Council (document 7068/18). These amendments are intended to enable the Vice-President of the General Court to exercise a function and a competence with which he is not currently vested and to make use of the e-Curia IT application mandatory for the lodging of procedural documents and the service of documents by the Registry in connection with proceedings before the General Court.
3. The draft amendments to the Rules of Procedure were examined by the Working Party on Court of Justice at its meeting on 20 April 2018.

4. On 14 May 2018, the General Court submitted a revised version (concerning all language versions) of the draft amendments concerning the mandatory use of e-curia, taking into account comments made by delegations. The General Court also submitted and revised texts of the Slovak and German language versions with linguistic corrections.
5. Following written consultations, the Working Party on Court of Justice has reached agreement on the revised text of the draft amendments to the Rules of Procedure submitted by the General Court on 14 May 2018.
6. The Committee of Permanent Representatives is therefore invited to
 - confirm the agreement on the draft amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the General Court as set out, after legal-linguistic finalisation, in document 9851/18, and
 - recommend that the Council approve these draft amendments as an A-item in one of its next meetings.
