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

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Subject: Draft Council Decision amending the Act concerning the election of the members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage, annexed to Council Decision 76/787/ECSC, EEC, Euratom of 20 September 1976  
– Adoption

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1. On 11 November 2015, the European Parliament (EP) adopted a proposal for a Council Decision adopting the provisions amending the Act concerning the election of the members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage, accompanied by a resolution on the reform of the electoral law of the European Union.
2. The Working Party on General Affairs (GAG) has been examining the proposal since the beginning of the year 2016. In Coreper on 7 June 2018, a unanimous agreement was reached on the Presidency compromise proposal<sup>1</sup>, based on the proposal submitted to the Council in April and taking the form of an amending Decision to the 1976 Electoral Act. The agreed text was subsequently revised by the lawyer-linguists<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Doc. 9226/18

<sup>2</sup> Doc. 9425/18.

3. On 4 July 2018, the European Parliament gave its consent on the above draft Council Decision as set out in doc. 9425/18.
4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is, therefore, invited to recommend to the Council to adopt the Council Decision as set out in doc. 9425/18 and to order that the statements in the addenda to this note be entered in the minutes of the Coreper and Council meetings.
5. It is noted that Belgium and the United Kingdom have expressed their intention to abstain.

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