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#### 'I/A' ITEM NOTE

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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council  
Subject: COUNCIL DECISION amending decision 1999/70/EC concerning the external auditors of the national central banks, as regards the external auditors of De Nederlandsche Bank

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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 19 October 2018, the ECB Governing Council recommended that the Council approve KPMG Accountants N.V. as the external auditors of De Nederlandsche Bank for the financial years 2019 to 2022.
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 13805/18.