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From: General Secretariat of the Council

To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: Draft Council Conclusions on the European Court of Auditors' Special Report No. 28 "*The majority of simplification measures brought into Horizon 2020 have made life easier for beneficiaries, but opportunities to improve still exist*"
- Adoption

1. On 6 November 2018, the European Court of Auditors published its Special Report No. 28/2018 entitled "*The majority of simplification measures brought into Horizon 2020 have made life easier for beneficiaries, but opportunities to improve still exist*"¹.

¹ <https://www.eca.europa.eu>

2. Pursuant to the rules laid down in the Council conclusions on improving the examination of special reports drawn up by the Court of Auditors², the Permanent Representatives Committee, at its meeting on 7 January 2017, instructed the Working Party on Research to examine the report in accordance with the rules laid down in the above-mentioned conclusions³.
3. On 10 January 2019, the European Court of Auditors presented its report to the Working Party on Research. That working party examined a set of draft Council conclusions at its meetings on 21 January, 4 and 21 February 2019. Subsequent to a written procedure, agreement was reached on a text as set out in doc. 6140/2/19 REV 2⁴.
4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to recommend to the Council to adopt, as an "A" item, the draft conclusions as set out in doc. 6140/2/19 REV 2.

² 7515/00 FIN 127 + COR 1

³ 15451/18

⁴ A "silence procedure" ended on 25 February 2019 (COB)