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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 the Banco de Portugal |

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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 of the Member States whose currency is the euro are to be audited by independent external auditors recommended by the Governing Council of the ECB and approved by the Council of the European Union.
2. On 17 May 2022, the ECB Governing Council recommended that PriceWaterhouseCoopers & Associados - Sociedade de Revisores Oficiais de Contas Lda should be appointed as the external auditors of the Banco de Portugal for the financial years 2022 to 2026.
3. The Permanent Representatives Committee could therefore invite the Council to adopt, as an 'A' item, the relevant Decision as finalised by the lawyer-linguists in document ST 9899/22 at one of the Council's forthcoming meetings.