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'I/A' ITEM NOTE

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 Oesterreichische Nationalbank

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 13 December 2022, the ECB Governing Council recommended that BDO Austria GmbH Wirtschaftsprüfungs- und Steuerberatungsgesellschaft should be appointed as the external auditor of the Oesterreichische Nationalbank for the financial years 2023 to 2027.
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 5045/23 at one of the Council's forthcoming meetings.