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'I/A' ITEM NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Council Decision appointing two members, proposed by the Republic of Finland, of the European Economic and Social Committee
	- Adoption

1. By letters dated 9 January 2023¹, the President of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) notified the Council of the resignations of Ms Janica YLIKARJULA and of Mr Timo VUORI, members of the EESC.
2. By letter dated 27 June 2023², the Finnish Government proposed Mr Teppo SÄKKINEN, *Elinkeino- ja ilmastoasiantuntija, Keskuskauppakamari* (Climate expert, Chamber of Commerce), and Ms Päivi WOOD, *Johtava asiantuntija, Elinkeinoelämän keskusliitto* (Chief policy adviser on EU affairs, Confederation of Finnish Industries, EK), for appointment as members of the EESC for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 20 September 2025.

¹ 5297/23, 5298/23.

² 11174/23.

3. Under Article 302 TFEU, the Council appoints the EESC's members after consulting the Commission.
4. The Commission was consulted on the nomination on 5 July 2023 and gave a favourable opinion on 31 July 2023.³
5. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to confirm its agreement on the text of the Decision set out in document 12146/23 and to suggest that the Council adopt that Decision as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting.

³ C(2023) 5043.