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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)
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Subject:	Draft Council conclusions on the 2020 Annual Sustainable Growth Strategy and Joint Employment Report - Decision to use the written procedure for adoption

1. The draft Council Conclusions on the above subject were jointly prepared by the Employment Committee and the Social Protection Committee and discussed by the Social Questions Working Party.
2. In the light of the discussion in the meeting of the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part I) on 11 March 2020, the text was further amended and finalised.
3. The Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1) recommended on 11 March to send the document to Council (EPSCO) on 19 March 2020 for adoption.
4. Following the cancellation of the Council (EPSCO) session on 19 March, due to the outbreak of COVID-19, the Permanent Representative Committee (Part 1) agreed that the adoption should have been done as an A item in a forthcoming Council session.
5. However, in view of the current exceptional circumstances it will not be possible to adopt the Council conclusions as an A item in a forthcoming Council session, as envisaged in document 6809/20 + COR 2.

6. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to decide, in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure and Article 1 of Council Decision 2020/430, that the Council uses the written procedure for the adoption of the draft Council conclusions on the 2020 Annual Sustainable Growth Strategy and the Joint Employment Report (set out in document 6809/20 + COR 2).
