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#### 'I' ITEM NOTE

From:	Presidency/General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)
Subject:	Impact assessment within the Council - New reporting period running from 1 January to 31 December

1. In 2013, when the Council agreed to monitor the implementation of its impact assessment commitments under the Inter-institutional agreement on Better Law-Making, it also agreed that the Presidency, with the assistance of the General Secretariat of the Council (GSC), would report to Coreper *annually*, starting in June 2014<sup>1</sup>.
2. This annual reporting covers the period from June to May. However, such a reporting period has not offered the best basis for comparison with Union's annual programming, in particular with the annual Commission work programmes and joint declarations on annual interinstitutional programming.

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<sup>1</sup> 8406/13.

3. On 26 June 2023, COREPER endorsed the 2023 Annual Report on impact assessment within the Council<sup>2</sup>, in which it recognised the need to adapt the reporting period. The report refers in its conclusions (in paragraph 62) to changing the reporting period covered in previous annual reports to a new one that would run from 1 January to 31 December:

*“In order to ensure a clear and comprehensive reporting on IAs within the Council, some delegations as well as the Commission requested to have future reporting periods covering the same cycle as the Commission Work Programme. To that end, the Mertens Group is invited to propose to COREPER modalities for a new reporting period that would run from 1 January to 31 December.”*

4. Against this background and to accommodate the change from a reporting exercise which covers a period from June to May to a reporting exercise which covers a period from January to December, the Mertens Group invites COREPER to endorse that the annual report to be drawn in 2024 will be the first one to cover this new reporting period, running from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023.

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<sup>2</sup> 10082/23.