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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Permanent Representatives Committee

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Subject: Draft Council Decision (EU) 2020/... of ... authorising the opening of negotiations for an agreement between the European Union and New Zealand on the exchange of personal data between the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) and the New Zealand authorities competent for fighting serious crime and terrorism

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1. On 30 October 2019, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for the above-mentioned draft Council Decision, based on Articles 16(2) and 88 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, in conjunction with Article 218(3) and (4) thereof. The draft Council Decision is accompanied by an Addendum containing the negotiating directives.
2. The JHA Counsellors (Europol) examined the draft Council Decision and its Addendum at their meeting on 17 February 2020 and agreed on a final text, while also taking into account the opinion of the European Data Protection Supervisor issued on 31 January 2020.

3. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited:
- to confirm its agreement on the text of the draft Council Decision, as set out in document 7047/20 + ADD 1, and
  - 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 its adoption.
4. The European Parliament will be informed in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU and following their adoption by the Council, the Decision and the negotiating directives will be transmitted to the EP.
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