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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Council Decision appointing a Deputy Executive Director and the President of the Boards of Appeal of the European Union Intellectual Property Office - Adoption

1. The Deputy Executive Directors of the European Union Intellectual Property Office (“EUIPO”) and the President of the EUIPO Boards of Appeal are appointed, pursuant to Articles 158(6) and 166(1) of the Regulation (EU) 2017/1001 on the European Union trade mark (“EU trade mark Regulation”) respectively, by the Council for a term of five years on the basis of the same arrangements as provided for in Article 158(2) of the EU trade mark Regulation for the appointment of the EUIPO Executive Director.
2. According to these provisions, the Council takes the decision on the considered appointment by simple majority, from a list of candidates proposed by the EUIPO Management Board, after the European Parliament had the opportunity to invite the short-listed candidates to make a statement before any competent European Parliament committee and to answer questions put by its members. For the appointment of the Deputy Executive Director the EU trade mark Regulation requires as an additional step the consultation of the EUIPO Executive Director.
3. On 6 June 2024 the Council received from the EUIPO Management Board a list of three candidates proposed for the post of Deputy Executive Director of the EUIPO (doc. 10785/24) and a list of two candidates proposed for the post of President of the Boards of Appeal (doc. 10797/24).

4. On 23 July 2024 the Council received a letter from the Executive Director of the EUIPO in which he provided his opinion on the candidates for the post of Deputy Executive Director of the EUIPO (doc. 12206/24).
5. The European Parliament's Committee on Legal Affairs (JURI) heard the candidates for both posts on 5 September 2024 (see letters of 6 September 2024 in doc 13011/24 and doc 13136/24).
6. On 13 September 2024 the Council was informed that one of the candidates for the post of Deputy Executive Director had withdrawn his candidature (doc. 13368/24).
7. At its meeting on 18 September 2024, the Permanent Representatives Committee decided to recommend to the Council to appoint Ms Edyta Barbara DEMBY-SIWEK to the post of Deputy Executive Director of the EUIPO and Mr Sven STÜRMANN to the post of President of the Boards of Appeal of the EUIPO.
8. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to recommend to the Council to adopt, under the 'A' items of one of its future meetings, the Decision prepared by the Council's legal linguistic experts and contained in document 12957/24.
