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Subject: PUBLIC ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS
– Confirmatory application No 09/c/01/20
– Outcome of the written procedure initiated by CM 2164/20

Delegations are informed that the written procedure opened by CM 2164/20 of 13 May 2020 was completed on 18 May 2020 and that a majority of the members agreed to the approval of the Council's reply to the above-mentioned Confirmatory application, as set out in document 7801/20 with Belgium abstaining.

The statement by The Netherlands is reproduced in the Annex to this CM.

The above statement will be included in the summary of acts adopted by the written procedure as statement to be entered in the Council minutes, in accordance with the third subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.

Statement by the The Netherlands

The Netherlands would, on a general note, like to emphasize the importance of transparency in the Code of Conduct group and, more specifically, cannot concur with the reasoning in the draft reply that full disclosure of document WK 2121/20 would (seriously) undermine the protection of the public interest as regards the financial, monetary or economic policy of the Union or of a Member State and the ongoing decision-making process.
