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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)

Subject: Draft Council conclusions on Special Report No 15/2019 of the European Court of Auditors entitled 'Implementation of the 2014 staff reform package at the Commission - Big savings but not without consequences for staff'
- Decision to use the written procedure for adoption

1. The presentation of the European Court of Auditors' Special Report No 15/2019: "Implementation of the 2014 staff reform package at the Commission - Big savings but not without consequences for staff"¹ took place in the Working Party on Staff Regulations meeting on 8 October 2019.
2. The Working Party on Staff Regulations started with the examination of the draft Council conclusions during the Finnish Presidency².
3. Further exchanges on the text continued during the Croatian Presidency³. After the meeting on 3 March 2020 and due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a series of informal written consultations between the Presidency and groups of delegations were organised.

¹ ST 12461/19.

² WK 14084/2019.

³ WK 2209/2020.

4. All delegations have informed the Presidency that they can accept the text set out in ST 8102/20 and that any reserves, including the parliamentary ones, have been lifted.
5. Given the current exceptional circumstances, in which no Council meetings are scheduled to take place, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to:
 - confirm its agreement on the text of the draft Council conclusions set out in ST 8102/20;
 - decide, in accordance with the first sub-paragraph 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.
