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Subject: PUBLIC ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS
– Confirmatory application No 16/c/02/20
– Outcome of the written procedure initiated by CM 2905/20

Delegations are informed that the written procedure opened by CM 2905/20 of 8 July 2020 was completed on 16 July 2020 and that all delegations agreed to the approval of the Council's reply to the above-mentioned Confirmatory application, as set out in document 8809/20.

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 Netherlands

The Netherlands agrees with the reasoning in the draft reply that disclosure of the requested document would undermine the protection of the public interest as regards the international relations, considering in particular the still ongoing international negotiations. However, on a more general note, the Netherlands is of the opinion that it is not sufficiently motivated why there is a reasonably foreseeable and not purely hypothetical risk that disclosure of the requested document would also undermine future international negotiations.
