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#### 'I/A' ITEM NOTE

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

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Subject: Draft Council Decision (EU) 2019 ... of delegating to the Director of the Office for the Administration and Payment of the Individual Entitlements (PMO) of the European Commission powers of the authorising officer concerning the payment of remunerations and mission and authorised travel expenses  
- Adoption

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1. By Council Decision (EU) 2019/792<sup>1</sup>, the European Commission/PMO was entrusted the exercise of relevant powers conferred on the appointing authority and on the authority empowered to conclude contracts of employment for the staff of the General Secretariat of the Council (GSC) in conformity with the Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Union and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants<sup>2</sup>.
2. On 3 May 2019 the GSC signed a service level agreement with the European Commission's Office for the Administration and Payment of the Individual Entitlements (PMO) for the management of individual pecuniary entitlements of GSC staff.

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<sup>1</sup> Council Decision (EU) 2019/792 of 13 May 2019 entrusting to the European Commission — the Office for the Administration and Payment of Individual Entitlements (PMO) — the exercise of certain powers conferred on the appointing authority and the authority empowered to conclude contracts of employment (OJ L 129 of 17.5.2019, p. 3).

<sup>2</sup> Council Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 259/68, OJ L 56, 4.3.1968, p. 1.

3. According to the service level agreement the GSC may request the PMO to validate and authorise the payment of remuneration to GSC staff and high-level public office holders as well as mission and authorised travel expenses. In order to implement those provisions and to ensure that such budgetary operations are made in line with the Financial Regulation, the Director of the PMO should be delegated relevant duties of authorising officer pursuant to Article 66(1)(a) of the Financial Regulation.
4. The draft Council decision delegating to the Director of the PMO powers of the authorising officer concerning the payment of salaries and mission and authorised travel expenses was presented to the Budget Committee at its meeting on 8 November 2019.
5. The Permanent Representatives Committee could therefore suggest that the Council adopt, as an "A" item, at one of its forthcoming meetings, the Council Decision to be finalised by the lawyer-linguists under document ST 13927/19 FIN 725.