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#### 'I' ITEM NOTE

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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
Subject:	Draft Council Decision appointing the members of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period from 21 September 2020 to 20 September 2025

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– Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption

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1. The term of office of the European Economic and Social Committee will expire on 20 September 2020. In accordance with Article 302 TFUE, Member States put forward their proposals for candidates for appointment as members of the Committee. The European Commission was consulted on these proposals.
2. On 13 August 2020, the Commission adopted its favourable opinion on the proposed nominations, subject to the remarks regarding four cases. Furthermore, the Commission expressed doubts on the representativeness of 26 proposed members, for the reasons detailed in Annex 1 of its opinion, and invited the Council to further enquire on the latter cases on the basis of a more complete documentation.
3. Taking into account the Commission opinion, Member States provided to the Council additional clarification on the representativeness of the proposed nominations listed in Annex I of the Commission opinion.

4. Concerning the four cases to which the Commission drew the Council's attention in its opinion, and a fifth nomination that in the meantime has been withdrawn, those five seats will be filled by subsequent appointment decisions.
  5. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited:
    - to confirm its agreement on the text of the Council Decision appointing the members of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period from 21 September 2020 to 20 September 2025, as finalised by the legal/linguistic experts and set out in document 10463/20, and
    - to decide, in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure and Article 1 of Council Decision 2020/430, as extended by Council Decision (EU) 2020/556, by Council Decision (EU) 2020/702, by Council Decision (EU) 2020/970 and by Council Decision (EU) 2020/1253, that the Council uses the written procedure for its adoption.
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