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'I' ITEM NOTE

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, and repealing and replacing the Council Decision appointing the members of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period 21 September 2020 to 20 September 2025 adopted on 18 September 2020 – Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption

1. The term of office of the European Economic and Social Committee expired 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 18 September 2020, the Council adopted a Decision appointing the members of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period from 21 September 2020 to 20 September 2025. However, the Annex to that Decision contained some material errors.

3. In particular, one Member State proposed 14 candidates, two of them were flagged as "alternate"¹. The Council Decision of 18 September 2020 appointed all 14 candidates, whereas pursuant to Article 1 of the Council Decision (EU) 2019/853 of 21 May 2019 determining the composition of the European Economic and Social Committee only 12 members could have been appointed². On 23 September 2020, the GSC received clarifications regarding the above appointment and a revised list containing 12 names³.
4. Therefore, the Decision adopted on 18 September 2020 should be repealed and should be replaced by a new Decision which will apply retroactively as from 21 September 2020.
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, and repealing and replacing the Council Decision appointing the members of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period 21 September 2020 to 20 September 2025 adopted on 18 September 2020, as finalised by the legal/linguistic experts and set out in document 11114/20, 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.

¹ ST 9109/20.

² OJ L 139, 27.5.2019, p. 15.

³ ST 11185/20.