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From: Presidency
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)
Subject: Council Conclusions on Improving the working and living conditions of seasonal and other mobile workers
- Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption

1. On 30 September 2020, the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1) confirmed the agreement reached at the level of the Working Party on the Council conclusions set out in document ST 11079/1/20 REV 1, took note of the statements hereto in document ST 11079/1/20 REV 1 ADD 1 and recommended to the Council
 - to approve the Conclusions attached to this note as an "A" item at one of its forthcoming sessions.
2. By 5 October 2020, it was still not sure that the session of the Foreign Affairs Council scheduled for 12 October 2020 would effectively not be canceled due to COVID-19 related travel restrictions.

3. The approval of these Council conclusions is a matter of urgency as under the COVID-19 pandemic seasonal and other mobile workers are even more exposed to exploitation as well as to precarious or adverse working and living conditions than before. A strong political sign is therefore urgently required to show the commitment of the Council for improving the working and living conditions of these workers. These Council conclusions need to be adopted before the informal ministerial videoconferences of the ministers of Labour and social affairs on 13 October 2020 as this meeting would be the opportunity to make this political statement widely known.

4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked 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, on the use of the written procedure for adopting the decision as set out in document 11079/1/20 REV 1.
