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From: Presidency
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)
Subject: Council Conclusions on Human Rights, Participation and Well-Being of Older Persons in the Era of Digitalisation
- 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 11087/20, took note of the statements hereto in document ST 11087/20 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 the COVID-19 has given additional urgency to the topic of the well-being of older persons in the era of digitalisation. A strong political sign is therefore urgently required to show the commitment of the Council to countering identified shortcomings and providing older persons adequate protection. 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 approving the Council conclusions as set out in document 11087/20.
