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Subject:	COMMISSION DECISION of XXX establishing the EU Ecolabel criteria for printed paper, stationery paper, and paper carrier bag products = Decision not to oppose adoption

1. Since the measures envisaged are in accordance with the opinion of the relevant committee, the Commission has submitted the abovementioned draft measures¹ to the Council for scrutiny in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 5a(3)(a) of Council Decision 1999/468/EC².

¹ 9938/20 + ADD 1 - D067547/03 + Annex.

² Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission (OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23), as amended by Decision 2006/512/EC (OJ L 200, 22.7.2006, p. 11).

2. The Working Party on the Environment has examined the draft measures through an informal written procedure and agreed that there are no grounds for the Council to oppose their adoption³.
3. On 7 October 2020, the Permanent Representatives Committee, while taking note of the intention of the German delegation to abstain, confirmed the agreement reached by the Working Party on the Environment and decided to recommend to the Council to confirm that there are no grounds for opposing the draft measures.
4. Thus, the Council is invited to confirm as an "A" item on its agenda, that there are no grounds for opposing the draft measures, with the German delegation abstaining. This implies that, unless the European Parliament opposes them, the Commission may adopt the proposed measures in accordance with Article 5a(3)(d) of Council Decision 1999/468/EC.

³ Article 5a(3)(b) provides that the Council may, acting by qualified majority, oppose the adoption of such measures on the grounds that they exceed the implementing powers provided for in the basic instrument, are not compatible with the aim or the content of the basic instrument or do not comply with the principles of subsidiarity or proportionality.