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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council
Subject:	Draft Council conclusions on the European Court of Auditors' Special Report No 16/2020: "The European Semester – Country Specific Recommendations address important issues but need better implementation" - Approval - Decision to use the written procedure for adoption

1. On 16 September 2020, the Permanent Representatives Committee assigned the examination of the European Court of Auditors' Special Report No 16/2018 entitled "The European Semester – Country Specific Recommendations address important issues but need better implementation " to the Economic and Financial Committee.
2. The Economic and Financial Committee examined the report at its meeting on 23 October 2020. At the same meeting, the Committee also agreed on the draft conclusions, as set out in ST 12264/20.

3. The Council Presidency therefore is of the view that it is appropriate to submit these draft conclusions for the approval by the Council.
4. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited:
 - to confirm its agreement on the text of the draft Council conclusions, as set out in document ST 12264/20;
 - to recommend that the Council approve the abovementioned conclusions, as set out in document ST 12264/20, as an 'A' item on the agenda of a forthcoming Council meeting;
 - at the same time decide, in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure and Article 1 of Council Decision (EU) 2020/430, as extended by Council Decision (EU) 2020/1253 of 4 September 2020, that the Council use the written procedure for the adoption of the abovementioned Council conclusions, if, due to the circumstances related to COVID-19, there were no formal Council meetings until 15 November 2020.
