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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
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Subject:	Draft Conclusions of the Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States on the role of the EU in strengthening the World Health Organization *- Approval* *- Decision to use the written procedure*

1. On 9 October 2020, the Presidency submitted a set of draft Conclusions[1] to the members of the Working Party on Public Health.

2. The members of the Working Party examined the draft Conclusions at its meeting on 13 October and, following guidance given by the Permanent Representatives Committee at its meeting on 21 October, again examined them on 23 October 2020. At that meeting, the members of the Working Party reached tentative agreement on the draft Conclusions as set out in document 12276/20.

3. The draft Conclusions are intended to create a basis for the coordination of interventions by EU Member States at the resumed 73rd World Health Assembly (WHA) scheduled for 9 - 14 November 2020.

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4. Given the short time available before the WHA resumes, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to:

– confirm the agreement reached by the members of the Working Party on Public Health on the draft Conclusions as set out in document 12276/20,

– decide, in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure and Article 1 of Council Decision 2020/556, that the Council use the written procedure for the approval of the draft Conclusions;

– decide that that written procedure be launched on 4 November 2020 and concluded on 6 November 2020;

and

– decide, in accordance with Article 19(7)(g) and Article 17(4) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, that the draft Conclusions subsequently be published in the Official Journal.