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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee

Subject: Council Decision appointing two members of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period from 21 September 2020 to 20 September 2025
– Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption

1. The term of office of the European Economic and Social Committee expired on 20 September 2020. In accordance with Article 302 TFEU, Member States put forward their proposals for candidates for appointment as members of the Committee. The European Commission was consulted on these proposals.
2. By letter of 10 September 2020, the Slovak Republic nominated Mr Juraj SIPKO for appointment to the European Economic and Social Committee for the period from 21 September 2020 to 20 September 2025 instead of a previously proposed member.¹
3. By letter of 18 September 2020, the French Republic nominated Mr Bruno CHOIX for appointment to the European Economic and Social Committee for the period from 21 September 2020 to 20 September 2025 instead of a previously proposed member.²

¹ ST 10988/20.

² ST 10990/20.

4. The Council consulted the Commission on these nominations on 28 September 2020.
5. On 2 October 2020, the Council adopted Decision (EU) 2020/1392 appointing the members of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period from 21 September 2020 to 20 September 2025, and repealing and replacing the Council Decision appointing the members of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period 21 September 2020 to 20 September 2025 adopted on 18 September 2020³. On 22 October 2020 and 30 October 2020, the Council adopted two further Decisions appointing members of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period from 21 September 2020 to 20 September 2025⁴. One seat on the European Economic and Social Committee for the French Republic and one seat for the Slovak Republic have remained empty and need to be filled by a subsequent appointing decision, applying retroactively as from 21 September 2020.
6. The Commission gave a favourable opinion on the nomination of Mr Juraj SIPKO and Mr Bruno CHOIX on 29 October 2020⁵.
7. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited:
 - to confirm its agreement on the text of the Council Decision appointing two members of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period from 21 September 2020 to 20 September 2025, as finalised by the legal/linguistic experts and set out in document 12288/20, and
 - 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 by Council Decision (EU) 2020/556, by Council Decision (EU) 2020/702, by Council Decision (EU) 2020/970 and by Council Decision (EU) 2020/1253, that the Council uses the written procedure for its adoption.

³ OJ L 322, 5.10.2020, p. 1.

⁴ Council Decision (EU) 2020/1555 of 22 October 2020 appointing a member of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period from 21 September 2020 to 20 September 2025 (OJ L 355, 26.10.2020, p. 1) and Council Decision (EU) 2020/1636 of 30 October 2020 appointing a member of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period from 21 September 2020 to 20 September 2025 (OJ L 369, 5.11.2020, p. 1).

⁵ WK 12470/20.