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

Subject: Draft Council conclusions on Special Report No 13/2020 from the European Court of Auditors entitled: "Biodiversity on farmland: CAP contribution has not halted the decline"
- Decision to use the written procedure for approval

1. The Permanent Representatives' Committee, at its meeting on 25 November 2020, endorsed the draft Council conclusions in response to the European Court of Auditors' Special Report No 13/2020 entitled: "*Biodiversity on farmland: CAP contribution has not halted the decline*". The Committee also decided to recommend to the Council to approve the draft Council conclusions as an "A" item at one of its forthcoming meetings.
2. In light of the current exceptional circumstances, which make it impossible to approve "A" items at Council meetings in the coming weeks, the Permanent Representatives' Committee is invited 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 (EU) 2020/430¹, that the Council uses the written procedure for the approval of the draft Council conclusions.

¹ The derogation provided for in Article 1 has been extended until 15 January 2021 by Council Decision (EU) 2020/1659 of 6 November 2020 (*OJL 376, 10.11.2020, p. 3–4*)