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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)

Subject: Conclusions on the European Court of Auditors' Special Report 20/2020:
"Combating child poverty - Better targeting of Commission support
required"
- Decision to use the written procedure for approval

1. On 29 September 2020, the European Court of Auditors published Special Report No 20/2020 entitled 'Combating child poverty – Better targeting of Commission support required'¹.
2. Under the rules laid down in the Council conclusions on improving the examination of special reports drawn up by the Court of Auditors², the Permanent Representatives Committee instructed the Working Party on Social Questions on 7 October 2020, to examine the report in accordance with those rules.
3. Consequently, on 5 November 2020, the Special Report and the draft Council conclusions prepared by the Presidency were presented to the Working Party. After two rounds of informal written consultations, resulting in further clarifications of the draft, the Working Party reached consensus on the text contained in document 12847/20.

¹ This special report is available in 23 EU languages on the Court's website: <http://eca.europa.eu>.

² Doc. 7515/00 FIN 127 + COR 1.

4. This set of Council conclusions should be approved by written procedure for two reasons:
(a) the three-months deadline for examining the draft Council Conclusions will elapse on 28 December 2020, and (b) the session of the responsible Council formation (EPSCO), where these conclusions were scheduled to be approved on 3 December 2020, has been cancelled and will be replaced by an informal videoconference of ministers due to the Covid-related sanitary measures and no other Council session will take place before.

5. In light of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to confirm the agreement reached 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, on the use of the written procedure for approving the Council conclusions as set out in document 12847/20.
