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

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Subject: Draft Council Conclusions on 2021 European Semester: employment and social aspects of the Annual Sustainable Growth strategy 2021  
- Decision to use the written procedure for approval

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1. The draft Council Conclusions on the above subject were jointly prepared by the Employment and the Social Protection Committees at their meeting on 6 November 2020.
2. After two rounds of informal written consultations, resulting in further clarifications of the draft, the Social Questions Working Party reached on 12 November consensus on the text contained in document **12813/20**.
3. The session of the Council (EPSCO) on 3 December 2020, where the draft Council Conclusions were expected to be approved, has been cancelled and will be replaced by an informal videoconference of ministers due to the COVID-19 restrictive measures. No other physical Council session will take place before.

4. In view 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, that the Council uses the written procedure for the approval of the draft Council conclusions on the Annual Sustainable Growth Strategy 2021 (as set out in document 12813/20).
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