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

Subject: Draft Council Conclusions on the cybersecurity of connected devices
- Approval
- Decision to use the written procedure

1. On 29 September 2020, the Presidency submitted draft Council Conclusions on the cybersecurity of connected devices.¹
2. The draft Conclusions were discussed at four informal meetings of the members of the Horizontal Working Party on Cyber Issues held via video-conference on 5 and 23 October, and 6 and 20 November 2020, each followed by rounds of informal written consultations. The Working Party has reached a provisional agreement on the text of the Conclusions as set out in document [13152/20](#).

¹ [11226/20](#)

3. The importance of these Conclusions was highlighted at the Cybersecurity Conference, which the Presidency organised via video-link on 9 November 2020.
 4. These conclusions contribute to ensuring cybersecurity of connected devices, noting that these devices will play a key role in further shaping Europe's digital future.
 5. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to:
 - confirm the informal agreement reached at the level of the Horizontal Working Party on cyber issues as set out in document 13152/20;
 - decide, in accordance with the first sub-paragraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure² and Article 1 of Council Decision 2020/430³, that the Council use the written procedure for the adoption of the Council Conclusions as set out in document 13152/20, and
 - agree on the publication of these Council Conclusions in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.
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² Council Decision 2009/937/EU of 1 December 2009 adopting the Council's Rules of Procedure (OJ L 325, 11.12.2009, p. 35);

³ Council Decision (EU) 2020/430 of 23 March 2020 on a temporary derogation from the Council's Rules of Procedure in view of the travel difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in the Union (OJ L 881, 24.3.2020, p. 1), as most recently extended by Decision (EU) 2020/970 of 4 September 2020 (OJ L 294, 8.9.2020, pp. 1–2).