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#### 'I' ITEM NOTE

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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)

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Subject: Twelfth annual report by the European Statistical Advisory Body to the European Parliament and the Council

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1. The European Statistical Governance Board (ESGAB) was established by Decision No 235/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2008<sup>1</sup> to provide an independent overview of the European Statistical System as regards the implementation of the European Statistics Code of Practice.
2. As one of its principal tasks, the ESGAB prepares an annual report for the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the abovementioned Code of Practice by Eurostat and European Statistical System as a whole.
3. The ESGAB submitted its 12th annual report to the Council on 18 December 2020 (ST 14273/20).
4. In the cover letter accompanying the report, the Chair of the ESGAB asked for assistance "in ensuring political support where needed for the implementation of the Board's recommendations".

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 73, 15.3.2008, p. 17.

5. Following Presidency's proposal, all delegations deem it appropriate that the Committee of Permanent Representatives take note of the 12th ESGAB report (ST 14273/20) as an 'I' item on its agenda.
  6. Against this background, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to take note of the information contained in the ESGAB annual report, set out in ST 14273/20, as a 'I' item on its agenda.
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