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

Subject: Legislative programming - Commission's Work Programme for 2020 and
multiannual programming
Exchange of views

1. In 2016, the European Parliament (EP), the Council and the Commission agreed to reinforce the Union's annual and multiannual programming through the Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making¹ (IIA-BLM paragraphs 4 - 11). In 2016, the Council approved its Practical arrangements on annual programming².
2. With regard to the multiannual programming, it is foreseen that upon the appointment of a new Commission, in order to facilitate longer-term planning, the three Institutions will exchange views on the principal policy objectives and priorities for the new term. They will, on the Commission's initiative and as appropriate, draw up joint conclusions to be signed by the Presidents of the three Institutions. Multiannual programming will be conducted for the first time with the 2019–2024 Commission.

¹ 15506/15

² 6879/16

3. With regard to the annual programming, the Commission should engage in a dialogue with the EP and the Council, both before and after the adoption of its annual Work Programme. Not all specific steps and timeline set for such a dialogue can be applied as such for the first work programme of the new Commission.
 4. The Council aims to ensure that the three Institutions, each acting within their own powers and prerogatives, work effectively together to deliver on the Strategic Agenda 2019–2024 agreed by the European Council in June 2019 which guides the work of the Institutions over the next five years.
 5. Following the appointment of the new Commission, the Presidency is planning to hold an exchange of views on programming with the Commission in the Council (General Affairs) on 10 December 2019 around these questions:
 - Which are the principles and objectives that should be emphasised in the joint conclusions on the multiannual programming?
 - How could the Commission Work Programme for 2020 best reflect key policy priorities, in particular through new initiatives?
 6. Following the exchange of views on 10 December, the input from the Council to the Commission could be reflected in a letter by the President of the Council to the President of the Commission. This input will also provide a basis for the exchanges with the EP and the Commission.
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