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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)
Subject: Draft Joint Employment Report 2021
- Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption

1. In conformity with Article 148(5) of the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union (TFEU) provides that "the Council and the Commission shall make a joint annual report to the European Council on the employment situation in the Union and on the implementation of the guidelines for employment".
2. In addition, Article 148(1) of the TFEU states that "the European Council shall each year consider the employment situation in the Union and adopt conclusions thereon, on the basis of a joint annual report by the Council and the Commission".
3. The draft Joint Employment Report 2021 was finalised by the Employment Committee at its meeting on 1 February 2021.

4. Due to the fact that scheduled Council (EPSCO) session on 15 March will not be held in a physical presence, it will not be possible to adopt the draft report at that occasion.
5. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited 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, to use the written procedure for adopting the draft Joint Employment Report 2021 as set out in document ST 5945/21 REV 1.
