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From: Working Party on Information  
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)

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Subject: Nineteenth annual report of the Council on the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents

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1. Article 17(1) of Regulation 1049/2001 on access to documents establishes that each institution has to publish an annual report on the implementation of the Regulation for the preceding year.
2. The draft annual report for the year 2020 identifies the main trends and features of requests for access to Council documents and reviews complaints to the Ombudsman as well as rulings given by the European Courts in cases concerning the institutions' implementation of the regulation. The report for 2020 follows the new, shortened format of recent years, since the statistical data which provides the basis for the report is available as open data on the Council's website.
3. Statistical information on requests for access to documents addressed to the Council in 2020 was presented to the Working Party on Information at its meeting on 30 March 2021 and the Working Party agreed to the draft annual report as set out in document 7090/21.

4. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to:

- confirm its agreement on the draft report as it stands in document 7090/21;
  - decide, in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure and Article 1 of Council Decision (EU) 2020/430, that the Council uses the written procedure for its approval.
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