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| From:           | General Secretariat of the Council                                                                                                                                                                            |
| To:             | Permanent Representatives Committee                                                                                                                                                                           |
| No. prev. doc.: | 7091/21                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Subject:        | Complaint 360/2021/TE - Reply by the Council to the invitation by the Ombudsman to provide additional observations<br>- Confirmation of the agreement on the reply<br>- Decision to use the written procedure |

1. At its meeting on 30 March 2021, the Working Party on Information approved the draft reply to the Ombudsman providing additional observations to be taken into account in the context of the inquiry, as set out in document 7091/21. The Netherlands and Sweden voted against. These delegations made a statement set out in the addendum to this note<sup>1</sup>.
2. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to:
  - confirm the agreement on the reply;
  - 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 that the Council uses the written procedure for its approval.

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<sup>1</sup> 7688/21 ADD1.