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

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Subject: Attendance of the European Economic and Social Committee and the European Committee of the Regions at a meeting of the Budget Committee in November 2021  
*- Approval*

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1. On 29 October 2021, the European Economic and Social Committee and the European Committee of the Regions submitted a joint request for the renovation of the Van Maerlant building's office space<sup>1</sup>, in accordance with Article 266(3) of the Financial Regulation<sup>2</sup>.
2. The Presidency considers that it is in the interest of the Council to allow both Committees to present this building project to delegations during a forthcoming meeting of the Budget Committee in November 2021 and to provide delegations with the opportunity to exchange views on the project.

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<sup>1</sup> Doc. WK 13200/2021.

<sup>2</sup> Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014 and Decision No 541/2014/EU, and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1).

3. Moreover, in accordance with the second sub-paragraph of Article 266(3) of the Financial Regulation, “*Except in cases of force majeure as referred to in paragraph 4, the European Parliament and the Council shall deliberate upon the building project within four weeks of its receipt by both institutions*”.
  4. The Presidency therefore intends to invite representatives of both Committees to attend a forthcoming meeting of the **Budget Committee** in November 2021.
  5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to approve this attendance, in accordance with its responsibilities under the Council's Rules of Procedure.
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