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Subject: PUBLIC ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS  
European Council decision on the approval of the reply to confirmatory application 39/c/01/19 for public access to documents  
– Initiation of written procedure

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**MESSAGE**

In accordance with the provisions of Article 7 of the Rules of Procedure of the European Council, please indicate whether you agree to:

- (1) the use of the written procedure to approve the reply referred to below, concerning confirmatory application 39/c/01/19 for public access to documents (decision by unanimity, cf. Article 7 of the Rules of Procedure of the European Council);

- (2) the approval of the reply to confirmatory application 39/c/01/19 for public access to documents, as set out in document EUCO 35/19 INF 326 API 171 (decision by simple majority, cf. Article 10(2) of the Rules of Procedure of the European Council); and
- (3) the publication of the outcome of this written procedure, including the names of the Member States voting NO to the second question or abstaining, as well as possible unilateral statements (decision by simple majority, cf. Article 10(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the European Council).

You may answer YES or NO to each question; you may also answer ABSTENTION to the second and third question.

Any unilateral statements must be made separately.

**The replies should be sent to the General Secretariat of the Council by 10 January 2020 COB at the latest for the attention of Mr Fernando FLORINDO, COMM.2.C, either by fax (+32 (0)2 281 63 61) or by e-mail ([council.transparency@consilium.europa.eu](mailto:council.transparency@consilium.europa.eu)).**

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Delegations are informed that the practical modalities for the adoption by the Council of draft replies to confirmatory applications using the ordinary written procedure are described in document 14875/13.