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

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Subject: European Court of Auditors' Special Report No 2/2020: "The SME Instrument in action: an effective and innovative programme facing challenges"

- *Designation of Working Party*

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1. On 22 January 2020, the European Court of Auditors published Special Report No 2/2020 entitled "The SME Instrument in action: an effective and innovative programme facing challenges"<sup>1</sup>.
2. Under the rules laid down in the Council conclusions on improving the examination of special reports drawn up by the Court of Auditors<sup>2</sup>, it is suggested that the Permanent Representatives Committee instruct the Working Party on Research to examine the report in accordance with those rules.

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<sup>1</sup> This special report is available in 23 EU languages on the Court's website:  
<http://eca.europa.eu>.

<sup>2</sup> Doc. 7515/00 FIN 127 + COR 1.