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#### 'I/A' ITEM NOTE

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| From:    | General Secretariat of the Council                                                                        |
| To:      | Permanent Representatives Committee (part 2)/Council                                                      |
| Subject: | COUNCIL DECISION amending Decision 98/481/EC approving the external auditors of the European Central Bank |

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1. According to Article 27.1 of the Statute of the European System of Central Banks (ESCB) and the European Central Bank (ECB), the accounts of the ECB and national central banks must be audited by independent auditors recommended by the ECB's Governing Council and approved by the Council.
2. On 12 February 2025, the ECB Governing Council recommended that the Council approve Forvis Mazars GmbH & Co. KG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft Steuerberatungsgesellschaft as the external auditors of the ECB for the financial years 2025 and 2029.
3. The Permanent Representatives Committee could therefore invite the Council to adopt, as an 'A' item at one of its forthcoming meetings, the relevant Decision as finalised by the lawyer-linguists, set out in document ST 6332/25.