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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council
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Subject:	Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION establishing a dedicated financial programme for decommissioning of nuclear facilities and management of radioactive waste, and repealing Council Regulation (Euratom) No 1368/2013
	- Adoption

1. On 13 June 2018, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Regulation establishing a dedicated financial programme for decommissioning of nuclear facilities and management of radioactive waste, and repealing Council Regulation (Euratom) No 1368/2013.
2. The Atomic Questions Working Party had discussed the proposal and reached a provisional agreement at its level following an informal written consultation, ending on 3 November 2020, with no delegations raising objections.
3. The special meeting of the European Council of 17-21 July 2020 adopted European Council conclusions covering also the revenue for the MFF 2021-2027¹ including the budget for this programme.

¹ EUCO 10/20

4. The European Parliament was initially consulted in July 2018 and gave its opinion on 16 January 2019. Since then, the provisional agreement reached at the level of the Atomic Questions Working Party has substantially amended the Commission's proposal. Therefore, the European Parliament was consulted again in November 2020 and has decided not to give another opinion.
5. On 2 December 2020 the Permanent Representatives Committee confirmed its agreement on the text of this Council Regulation as set out in document ST 13363/20.
6. Following horizontal agreement on the MFF, the text was aligned to the new MFF provisions and underwent lawyer-linguist revision as set out in document ST 12566/20.
7. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to:
 - approve the final draft text of the Council Regulation establishing a dedicated financial programme for decommissioning of nuclear facilities and management of radioactive waste, and repealing Council Regulation (Euratom) No 1368/2013 as set out in document ST 12566/20.
 - suggest to the Council to adopt this Council Regulation as set out in document ST 12566/20 as 'A' item at one of its forthcoming sessions.