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**'I/A' ITEM NOTE**

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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Council Decision requesting the Commission to submit a study on the Union's situation concerning the application of Directive 97/67/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 December 1997 on common rules for the development of the internal market of Community postal services and the improvement of quality of service, as amended by Directives 2002/39/EC and 2008/6/EC, and a proposal if appropriate, in view of the outcomes of the study <i>- Adoption</i>

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1. Delegations have signalled to the Presidency that the current Postal Service Directive<sup>1</sup> needs to be revised to adapt to the significant changes that took place concerning the postal market, the preferences of the customers and the COVID-19 epidemic.
2. Article 241 of the TFEU provides that the Council, acting by a simple majority, may request the Commission to undertake any studies the Council considers desirable for the attainment of the common objectives, and to submit to it any appropriate proposals. If the Commission does not submit a proposal, it shall inform the Council of the reasons.

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<sup>1</sup> Directive 97/67/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 December 1997 on common rules for the development of the internal market of Community postal services and the improvement of quality of service, as amended by Directives 2002/39/EC and 2008/6/EC

3. Therefore, the Presidency has presented a proposal for a Council Decision requesting the Commission to submit a study on the Union's situation concerning the application of the Postal Service Directive Directive and a proposal if appropriate, in view of the outcomes of the study<sup>1</sup>.
4. On 8 July 2022, the Working Party on Postal Services has examined the proposal and it has agreed to submit the proposal to the Permanent Representatives Committee.
5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is asked to suggest that the Council decide, as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting, to adopt the Decision as set out in 11188/22.

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<sup>1</sup> 10764/22