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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)
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Subject:	Proposal for a COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION on A Bridge to Jobs - Reinforcing the Youth Guarantee and replacing Council Recommendation of 22 April 2013 on establishing a Youth Guarantee - Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption

1. On 29 September 2020, the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1) reached unanimously political agreement on the above mentioned Council Recommendation set out in document ST 11091/20, took note of the statements hereto in document ST 11091/20 ADD 1 and recommended to the Council to adopt the Council Recommendation at one of its forthcoming sessions following legal-linguistic revision.
2. The adoption, initially foreseen at the session of the Council on 4 October 2020, had to be postponed because, due to COVID-19 related travel restrictions, the session will now take place in VTC format.

3. The adoption of this Council Recommendation is a matter of urgency as the Covid-19 pandemic has given additional urgency to the topic of youth employment. A positive sign should be sent as soon as possible, offering the Member States the possibility to be more inclusive by reaching out to a wider target group of vulnerable young people of all backgrounds – inter alia, young people neither in employment, education or training (NEETs) and young people with disabilities –, by widening the age bracket to include young people aged 25-29¹ and by strengthening the gender dimension.
4. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to decide, in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure and Article 1 of Council Decision 2020/430, as extended, on the use of the written procedure for adopting the Council Recommendation on 'A Bridge to Jobs – Reinforcing the Youth Guarantee and replacing Council Recommendation of 22 April 2013 on establishing a Youth Guarantee' as set out in document 11320/20, followed by its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.
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¹ The 2013 Recommendation concerned people under the age of 25.