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#### 'I' ITEM NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)
No. Cion doc.:	12383/20
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Subject:	COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the International Sugar Council concerning the accession of the United Kingdom to the International Sugar Agreement, 1992 <i>- Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i>

1. On 30 October 2020, the Commission sent to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the International Sugar Council concerning the accession of the United Kingdom to the International Sugar Agreement, 1992<sup>1</sup>.
2. On 4 November 2020, following an informal written consultation, the Working Party on Commodities agreed on a revised version of the draft decision<sup>2</sup>, with modifications in Articles 1 and 2, as suggested by the Presidency, following the advice from the Council Legal Service<sup>3</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> 12383/20

<sup>2</sup> The French delegation entered a parliamentary scrutiny reservation.

<sup>3</sup> WK 11942/2020 INIT

3. Therefore, the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2) is invited:
- a) to confirm its agreement on the text of the Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the International Sugar Council concerning the accession of the United Kingdom to the International Sugar Agreement, 1992; and
  - b) to decide, in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure<sup>4</sup> and Article 1 of Council Decision 2020/430<sup>5</sup>, that the Council uses the written procedure for the adoption of the Council Decision referred to in point (a) as set out in document 12495/20, after revision by lawyer-linguists.
4. The European Parliament will be informed of the adoption of the Council Decision, in accordance with Article 218(10) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.
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<sup>4</sup> Council Decision 2009/937/EU of 1 December 2009 adopting the Council's Rules of Procedure (OJ L 325, 11.12.2009, p. 35).

<sup>5</sup> Council Decision (EU) 2020/430 of 23 March 2020 on a temporary derogation from the Council's Rules of Procedure in view of the travel difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in the Union (OJ L 881, 24.3.2020, p. 1). The derogation was extended by Council Decision (EU) 2020/1253 of 4 September 2020 further extending the temporary derogation from the Council's Rules of Procedure introduced by Decision (EU) 2020/430, and extended by Decisions (EU) 2020/556, (EU) 2020/702 and (EU) 2020/970, in view of the travel difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in the Union (OJ L 294, 8.9.2020, p. 1).