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#### NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Council Regulation amending Council Regulation No 1 determining the languages to be used by the European Economic Community

1. On 17 August 2023, Spain's Minister for Foreign Affairs, the European Union and Cooperation wrote a letter<sup>1</sup> to the Presidency of the Council of the European Union informing of the Spanish government's decision to request that the Council include Catalan, Basque and Galician in the language regime of the European Union.
2. The letter proposes to amend Regulation No 1 (OJ 17, 6.10.1958, p. 385), which governs the language regime of the European Union, in accordance with Article 342 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and without prejudice to the provisions contained in the statute of the Court of Justice of the European Union.
3. On 3 September 2023, Spain circulated a note<sup>2</sup> with a proposal for amendment of Regulation No 1 and requested that this proposal is presented by Spain at the General Affairs Council on 19 September 2023 for adoption.

<sup>1</sup> 12602/23

<sup>2</sup> 12602/23

4. The Presidency confirmed this aim in the provisional agenda of the General Affairs Council<sup>3</sup>, which was issued on 4 September 2023.
  5. The Presidency recommends the adoption of the Council regulation amending Council Regulation No 1 determining the languages to be used by the European Economic Community (EEC) as proposed by Spain<sup>4</sup>.
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<sup>3</sup> CM 4121/23

<sup>4</sup> 12607/23