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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (part 2)/Council
Subject:	Draft Council Decision appointing the new member representing the Council in the European Statistical Advisory Committee (ESAC) - Adoption

1. The European Statistics Advisory Committee (ESAC) was established by Decision No 234/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2008. Its purpose is to contribute to a close cooperation in the programme-planning process in order to improve the governance of the European Statistical System and enhance the quality of Community statistics.
2. In accordance with Article 4(b)(ii) of the above-mentioned Decision, one Member of ESAC shall be directly appointed by the Council.
3. The current representative of the Council of the European Union to ESAC, Mr Maurizio VICHI, who served a first five-year term since March 2013 and was renewed in April 2018 for another five-year term, cannot be renewed again.

4. On 12 December 2023, the Economic and Financial Committee recommended the Council to appoint of Ms. Ylva HEDÉN WESTERDAHL as the new member representing the Council in the European Statistical Advisory Committee (ESAC).
 5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to invite the Council to adopt the Decision, as set out in document ST 16921/23 finalised by lawyer-linguists, as an "A-item" in one of its forthcoming meetings and to publish the Decision in the Official Journal of the European Union.
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