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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council
Subject:	Draft COUNCIL DECISION appointing the chairperson of the European Statistical Governance Advisory Board (ESGAB): - Adoption

1. Pursuant to Article 3(3) of Decision No 235/2008/EC¹, after having consulted the Commission, the Council is to select, and the European Parliament to approve, the nomination of the chairperson of the European Statistical Governance Advisory Board (ESGAB).
2. The Chairperson of the ESGAB, in a letter dated 5 July 2023 (doc. ST 11537/23), informed the Council that his mandate will come to its end on 31 January 2024 and invited the Council to appoint a new chairperson.
3. On 23 September 2023, the Economic and Financial Committee recommended to the Council the candidacy of **Mr Alfred CAMILLERI** as chairperson of the ESGAB (ST 14606/23).

¹ Decision No 235/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2008 establishing the European Statistical Governance Advisory Board (ESGAB) (OJ L 73, 15.3.2008, p. 17–19).

4. On 8 November 2023, the Council consulted the Commission on the candidacy of Mr Alfred CAMILLERI. In a letter of 28 November, the Commission gave its favourable opinion.
 5. On 29 November 2023, the Council invited the European Parliament to agree on the candidate. On 17 January 2024, the European Parliament approved the candidacy of Mr Alfred CAMILLERI.
 6. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to invite the Council to adopt the Decision appointing the Chairperson of the ESGAB, as set out in document ST 5365/24 and 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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