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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Draft Council conclusions on European Court of Auditors' Special Report No 24/2019 entitled "Asylum, relocation and return of migrants: Time to step up action to address disparities between objectives and results" - Adoption

1. On 13 November 2019, the European Court of Auditors published Special Report No 24/2019 entitled "Asylum, relocation and return of migrants: Time to step up action to address disparities between objectives and results"¹.
2. Pursuant to the rules laid down in the Council conclusions on improving the examination of special reports drawn up by the Court of Auditors², the Permanent Representatives Committee, at its meeting on 27 November 2019, instructed the Working Party on Integration, Migration and Expulsion to examine the report³ according to the rules laid down in the above-mentioned conclusions.

¹ This special report is available in 23 EU languages on the Court's website:
<http://eca.europa.eu>.

² Doc. 7515/00 + COR 1.

³ Doc. 14230/19.

3. The Working Party on Integration, Migration and Expulsion examined the report at their meeting on 17 January 2020 and held an exchange of views on it. Building on the report and on the discussions held at this occasion, the Presidency prepared draft Council conclusions. The text of the draft Council conclusions, as set out in the Annex to this note, was agreed in principle by delegations in the framework of a silence procedure which was concluded on 30 January 2020.
 4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to approve the draft Council conclusions as set out in the Annex to this note and to submit them to the Council for adoption as an 'A' item on the agenda of one of its next meetings.
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DRAFT COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS on
European Court of Auditors' Special Report No 24/2019
entitled "Asylum, relocation and return of migrants: Time to step up action to address
disparities between objectives and results"

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION:

1. THANKS the European Court of Auditors for the Special Report No 24/2019 entitled "Asylum, relocation and return of migrants: Time to step up action to address disparities between objectives and results".
2. RECOGNISES the important focus of the Special Report on asylum, relocation and return of migrants.
3. TAKES good note of all the conclusions and recommendations in the Special Report.
4. RECALLS that in June 2019 the Council adopted a partial general approach on the revised Return directive aimed at increasing the effectiveness of the internal rules of returning illegally staying third country nationals and is now ready for interinstitutional negotiations.
5. ALSO RECALLS that the Council is looking forward for the Commission to come up with the proposal for a new Pact on Migration and Asylum, and INVITES the Commission to take into account the conclusions and recommendations of the Special Report when developing this new Pact.