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'I/A' ITEM NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	COUNCIL DECISION extending the term of office of the Deputy Executive Director of the European Union Intellectual Property Office - Adoption

1. The current Deputy Executive Director of the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) has been appointed by Council Decision of 26 September 2019¹ for a term of five years and has taken office on 1 November 2019.
2. Pursuant to Article 158(6) of Regulation (EU) 2017/1001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2017 on the European Union trade mark, the term of office of the EUIPO Deputy Executive Director may be extended once and for no more than five years by the Council, after consultation of the EUIPO Executive Director.
3. By letter of 21 December 2023, the EUIPO Management Board proposed to the Council to extend the term of office of Mr Andrea DI CARLO as EUIPO Deputy Executive Director.
4. This letter, which also includes the consultation of the EUIPO Executive Director, was circulated to delegations on 5 January 2024². In that context, delegations were invited to indicate, by 31 January 2024, if they had any opposition to the proposed extension.

¹ OJ C 325, 30.9.2019, p. 1.

² 5056/24.

5. At the Working Party on Intellectual Property on 19 February 2024, delegations were informed that no opposition had been received regarding the proposed extension.
 6. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to recommend to the Council to adopt, under the 'A' items of one of its future meetings, the Decision prepared by the Council's legal linguistic experts and contained in document 6575/24.
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