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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)
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Subject:	Joint Employment Report 2020 - Decision to use the written procedure for adoption

1. In conformity with Article 148(5) of the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union (TFEU) provides that "*the Council and the Commission shall make a joint annual report to the European Council on the employment situation in the Union and on the implementation of the guidelines for employment*".
2. In addition, Article 148(1) of the TFEU states that "*the European Council shall each year consider the employment situation in the Union and adopt conclusions thereon, on the basis of a joint annual report by the Council and the Commission*".
3. The draft Joint Employment Report 2020 was finalised by the Employment Committee at its meeting on 19 February 2020.
4. The Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1) recommended on 11 March to send the document to Council (EPSCO) on 19 March 2020 for adoption.

5. Following the cancellation of the Council (EPSCO) session on 19 March, due to the outbreak of COVID-19, the Permanent Representative Committee (Part 1) agreed that the adoption should have been done as an A item in a forthcoming Council session.
6. However, in view of the current exceptional circumstances it will not be possible to adopt the report as an A item in a forthcoming Council session, as envisaged in document 6810/20.
7. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to decide, in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure and Article 1 of Council Decision 2020/430, that the Council uses the written procedure for the adoption of the Joint Employment Report 2020 (set out in document 6810/20).
