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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
Subject:	Concept Note for an assistance measure under the European Peace Facility to support the Ukrainian Armed Forces through the provision of ammunition <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approval• Decision to use the written procedure

1. On 22 March 2021, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2021/509 ('the EPF Decision') establishing a European Peace Facility (the 'EPF' or the 'Facility'). According to Article 1(2)(b)(ii) of the EPF Decision, the Facility can finance assistance measures consisting of actions to strengthen the capacities of third states and regional and international organisations relating to military and defence matters.
2. In February, the special European Council discussed the urgent need for swift deliveries of military equipment to Ukraine, in particular ammunition.
3. In accordance with Article 57(1) of the EPF Decision, the High Representative submitted to the Council a Concept Note for an assistance measure under the EPF to support the Ukrainian Armed Forces through the provision of ammunition on 13 March 2023.

4. Following the guidance provided by the Council on 20 March (doc. 7632/23), a revised version of that Concept Note (doc. 7369/23 REV1) was agreed by the Political and Security Committee (PSC) on 27 March 2023.
5. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives' Committee is invited to:
- recommend that the Council approve the Concept Note as set out in document 7369/23 REV 1; and to
 - decide, in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, that the Council use the written procedure for the approval of the abovementioned Concept Note.
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