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From:	Working Party on Information
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Twentieth annual report of the Council on the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents

1. Article 17(1) of Regulation 1049/2001 on access to documents provides that each institution has to publish an annual report on the implementation of the Regulation for the preceding year.
2. The draft annual report for 2021 identifies the main trends and characteristics of requests for access to Council documents and reviews complaints to the Ombudsman and rulings handed down by the European courts in cases concerning the institutions' implementation of the Regulation. The report for 2021 follows the new, shortened format of recent years, since the statistical data which provides the basis for the report is now available as open data on the Council's website.

3. The draft annual report on access to Council documents for 2021¹ was presented to and agreed by the Working Party on Information at its meeting on 28 April 2022.
4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to recommend that the Council approve the annual report as set out in 8196/22 (+ COR 1) as an ‘A’ item on its agenda.

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¹ 8196/22.