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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)
Subject:	European Court of Auditors' special report no. 09/2020: The EU core road network: shorter travel times but network not yet fully functional - Decision to use written procedure for approval

1. On 21 April 2020, the European Court of Auditors published the above-mentioned Special Report.
2. Under the rules laid down in the Council conclusions on improving the examination of special reports drawn up by the Court of Auditors, the Permanent Representatives Committee on 29 April 2020 instructed the Working Party on Transport - Intermodal Questions and Networks to examine the report in accordance with those rules.
3. Consequently, the Working Party, due to the exceptional circumstances, examined the draft Council conclusions in two rounds of written consultations based on evolving drafts¹ prepared by the Presidency.
4. Additionally, the Working Party had a discussion in view of finalising the work on the draft conclusions at its meeting on 10 June.

¹ ST 7910/20, ST 7910/1/20 REV 1.

5. Based on that discussion, the Presidency prepared a further revised set² of the draft Council conclusions, that was circulated to delegations for comments, if any.
6. One delegation sent comments on the revised draft: one on paragraph 9 and another on paragraph 14 of the draft conclusions.
7. The Presidency proposed to accept the proposed changes in a slightly modified form. No delegation objected to this proposal.
8. In light of the above and given the current exceptional circumstances, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited:
 - to confirm its agreement on the draft Council conclusions as set out in document 8876/20, and
 - 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 (EU) 2020/430, that the Council uses the written procedure for the approval of the draft Council conclusions.

² ST 7910/2/20 REV 2.