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Written Correspondence Procedure – Secretariat responses

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ERC/20/9	<p>a) EU written inputs are in line with the report of the 40th session of EFC. Secretariat concurs with the proposals.</p> <p>b) Secretariat update regarding Switzerland request:</p> <p>The Secretariat has taken note of the confirmation of Switzerland of its candidate for the EFC that was announced prior the fortieth session of the EFC. The Secretariat acknowledges the difficulties encountered for the elections to take place during the last EFC session in 2019, due to lack of quorum. However, in consultation with the EFC members, the elections were relegated to take place on the margins of the 25th session of COFO which was scheduled in June 2020, then postponed to October 2020. After seeking legal advice, and noting the difficulty to undertake a secret ballot elections in a virtual setting and after consultation with EFC Chair, it was agreed to postpone the EFC EC election to the next EFC session that will take place jointly with COFFI in September-November 2021.</p>