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Subject: Special report No 12/2012 from the European Court of Auditors: "Did the Commission and Eurostat improve the process for producing reliable and credible European statistics?"  
*- Extract of Council conclusions*

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Delegations will find attached an extract of the Council conclusions adopted on 13 November 2012 on the above report.

Encl.:

## **The European Court of Auditors report 'Did the Commission and Eurostat improve the process for producing reliable and credible European statistics'**

- The Council TAKES NOTE of the Special Report 12/2012 'Did the Commission and Eurostat improve the process for producing reliable and credible European statistics', which examines whether the Commission and Eurostat have taken all steps necessary to fulfil their role in achieving the implementation of the Code of practice throughout the ESS and whether Eurostat manages the European statistical programme as a tool for improving the production of European statistics well. The Council WELCOMES that many of the elements expressed in the report are being addressed, including with the Commission decision on Eurostat of September 2012, the proposals for amending Regulation 223/2009, and the European Statistical Programme 2013-2017. The ongoing work on amending Regulation 223/2009 should also contribute to better implement the code of Practice.
- The Council IS AWARE that the European statistics Code of Practice represents a challenge for the ESS and will continue to support the ESS efforts to fully implement it.
- The Council NOTES that the proposed Regulation on the European Statistical Programme 2013-2017 includes provisions for putting in place a strategic prioritisation approach and implementing more efficient methods for producing high-quality European statistics, in order to better allocate scarce resources. The Council WELCOMES these new developments.
- The Council ENCOURAGES the Commission and Eurostat to continue the actions and efforts aimed at addressing the points raised by the Court of Auditors.
- INVITES Eurostat to inform the EFC on progress in meeting the points raised by the Court of Auditors.

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