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- Approval and report to the European Council

Under the European Semester, the Commission submitted on 31 May 2013 to the Council

- a Recommendation for a Council Recommendation on the implementation of the broad guidelines for the economic policies of the Member States whose currency is the euro; and
- for 23 Member States, a Recommendation for a Council Recommendation on the National Reform Programme 2013, and delivering a Council Opinion on the updated Stability or Convergence Programme.

These recommendations combine economic and employment recommendations , based on Articles 121(2) and 148(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), with Council opinions on stability and convergence programmes, based on Articles 121(2) and 148(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) and Articles 5(2) and 9(2) of Regulation 1466/97, as well as with a recommendation on the implementation of the broad guidelines for the economic policies of the Member States whose currency is the euro, based on Articles 136 and 121(2) TFEU, and, in certain cases, with recommendations on the preventive part of the macroeconomic imbalances procedure under Article 6(1) of Regulation 1176/2011.

These texts were examined and finalised by the Council, meeting in its EPSCO formation on 20 June, its ECOFIN formation on 21 June 2013 and its General Affairs formation on 25 June 2013. The General Affairs Council of 25 June 2013 approved the Integrated Country-specific recommendations and transmitted them to the European Council in accordance with Article 121(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU). The texts as they result from these deliberations are set out in the documents listed in the annex to this note. The Council will proceed to the formal adoption of the texts after the European Council has discussed its conclusions on them, in accordance with Article 121(2) TFEU.

Bearing in mind that recommendations falling within the scope of Article 148(4) TFEU form an integral part of the country specific recommendations and that their content is inextricably linked to that corresponding to the Stability and Growth pact, the procedure under Article 121(2) TFEU should apply to both parts of the recommendations. Accordingly, document 10399/13 contains explanations of modifications made during Council deliberations to Commission recommendations.

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