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Subject: European Semester :

- Council Recommendations on the National Reform Programmes 2012 to each Member State, delivering Council Opinions on the updated Stability or Convergence Programmes.

- Council recommendation on the implementation of the broad guidelines for the economic policies of the Member States whose currency is the euro.

- Explanations of modifications to Commission recommendations for the Country Specific Recommendations.

Under the European Semester, the Commission submitted on 1 June 2012 to the Council 27 Recommendations for a Council Recommendation which combine economic and employment recommendations 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), as well as 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 TFEU.

These text were examined and finalised by the Council, meeting in its EPSCO formation on 21 June, its ECOFIN formation on 22 June, its General Affairs formation on 26 June and endorsed by the European Council on 28-29 June.

In accordance with Treaty Articles 121(2) and 148(4) TFEU, the Permanent Representatives Committee could therefore suggest that the Council decides to adopt as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting the above-mentioned acts as finalized by jurist-linguists in the document 11941/12 UEM 245 ECOFIN 656 SOC 619 COMPET 476 ENV 583 EDUC 233 RECH 306 ENER 333 (explanatory note) and documents listed in the annex to document 11296/3/12 REV 3 UEM 230 ECOFIN 604 SOC 580 COMPET 448 ENV 545 EDUC 221 RECH 284 ENER 314.
