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- Synthesis report

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1. The Council discussed the lessons learned from the 2012 European Semester on 10 July (ECOFIN), 24 September (GAC), 4 October (EPSCO) and 9 October 2012 (ECOFIN).
2. On this basis, the Presidency drew up a synthesis report on the lessons learned identified within the Council and related recommendations.<sup>1</sup>
3. Following the presentation of the synthesis report, an exchange of views took place at the Permanent Representatives Committee on 14 November 2012.
4. The Council is invited to take note of the report and the recommendations included therein.

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<sup>1</sup> Doc. 15674/12.