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NOTE

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: Council Recommendations on the National Reform Programmes 2016 to each Member State, delivering Council Opinions on the updated Stability or Convergence Programmes

Country-specific Recommendations (CSRs)

Under the European Semester 2016, the Commission submitted on 19 May to the Council for 27 Member States, a Recommendation for a Council Recommendation on the National Reform Programme 2016, 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 5(2) and 9(2) of Regulation 1466/97, and, in certain cases, with recommendations on the preventive part of the macroeconomic imbalances procedure under Article 6(1) of Regulation 1176/2011.

These draft recommendations are to be approved by EPSCO on 16 June, regarding the employment and social aspects, and by ECOFIN on 17 June, as regards the economic/financial and MIP-related aspects.

As regards Portugal and Spain, exceptionally, the text of the country-specific recommendation 1 (and corresponding recitals 5 and 6) will be finalised in July and addressed in a manner consistent with the appropriate steps to be taken in the framework of the excessive deficit procedure.

The Council will proceed to the formal adoption of the texts set out in the annex 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.

The texts are set out in the documents listed in the annex of this note.

Voting Modalities

New voting modalities within the Council are in force as from 1 November 2014 (the "new voting rules"). These also apply to the Country Specific Recommendations. However, as for other files, any member of the Council can request that any recommendation (whether it is addressed to itself or to a different Member State) is adopted in conformity with the voting rules applicable up to 1 November 2014 (the "old voting rules").

The contribution of the Council Legal Service (doc. 5205/15) provides advice on voting modalities, including on the need to apply the same voting rule in all the Council bodies examining the same recommendation. Consequently, in cases where a request to apply the "old voting rules" has been made in the course of the preparatory discussions, the "old voting rules" should also apply to the adoption of the recommendation concerned by the Council.

In the course of the discussions of the text of the Recommendations in the Council preparatory bodies, a number of Member States indicated to the chairs of these preparatory bodies their intention to request the application of the "old voting rules".

According to the information received by the Council General Secretariat, the following Member States have requested in the Council preparatory bodies that their recommendations be adopted in conformity with the "old voting rules": AT, LV.

The other Member States have not requested the use of the "old voting rules"; therefore, their recommendations should be adopted in conformity with the "new voting rules".

This is without prejudice to the right of any Member State to request, at the stage of final adoption, the use of the "old voting rules".

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