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**From:** General Secretariat of the Council  
**To:** Delegations

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- Approval and report to the European Council

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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 texts were examined and finalised by the Council, meeting in its EPSCO configuration on 16 June and its ECOFIN configuration on 17 June 2016. The General Affairs Council of 24 June 2016 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 Presidency underscored the importance of the optimal implementation of these recommendations by the Member States and emphasized the role of high-quality public administrations in this process, aiming for inclusive growth and high public integrity in particular. It stressed that the General Affairs Council should continue to discuss the quality of public administrations as a cross-cutting issue to achieve better governance in the Union and its Member States.

The texts as they result from these deliberations are set out in the documents listed in the annex to this note. 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.

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 9327/16 contains explanations of modifications made during Council deliberations to Commission recommendations.

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".

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.

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<b>BULGARIA:</b>	9192/16 ECOFIN 445 UEM 192 SOC 309 EMPL 205 COMPET 279 ENV 324 EDUC 179 RECH 171 ENER 187 JAI 433
<b>CZECH REPUBLIC:</b>	9194/16 ECOFIN 446 UEM 193 SOC 310 EMPL 206 COMPET 280 ENV 325 EDUC 180 RECH 172 ENER 188 JAI 434
<b>DENMARK:</b>	9195/16 ECOFIN 447 UEM 194 SOC 311 EMPL 207 COMPET 281 ENV 326 EDUC 181 RECH 173 ENER 189 JAI 435
<b>GERMANY:</b>	9196/16 ECOFIN 448 UEM 195 SOC 312 EMPL 208 COMPET 282 ENV 327 EDUC 182 RECH 174 ENER 190 JAI 436
<b>ESTONIA:</b>	9197/16 ECOFIN 449 UEM 196 SOC 313 EMPL 209 COMPET 283 ENV 328 EDUC 183 RECH 175 ENER 191 JAI 437
<b>IRELAND:</b>	9198/16 ECOFIN 450 UEM 197 SOC 314 EMPL 210 COMPET 284 ENV 329 EDUC 184 RECH 176 ENER 192 JAI 438

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FRANCE: 9200/16 ECOFIN 452 UEM 199 SOC 316 EMPL 212  
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CROATIA: 9203/16 ECOFIN 453 UEM 200 SOC 317 EMPL 213  
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ITALY: 9205/1/16 REV 1 ECOFIN 454 UEM 201 SOC 318 EMPL 214  
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JAI 449

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COMPET 293 ENV 339 EDUC 194 RECH 186 ENER 202  
JAI 450

MALTA: 9221/16 ECOFIN 461 UEM 207 SOC 325 EMPL 221  
COMPET 295 ENV 340 EDUC 196 RECH 187 ENER 203  
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THE NETHERLANDS: 9222/16 ECOFIN 462 UEM 208 SOC 326 EMPL 222  
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AUSTRIA: 9223/16 ECOFIN 463 UEM 209 SOC 327 EMPL 223  
COMPET 297 ENV 342 EDUC 198 RECH 189 ENER 205  
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POLAND: 9224/16 ECOFIN 464 UEM 210 SOC 328 EMPL 224  
COMPET 298 ENV 343 EDUC 199 RECH 190 ENER 206  
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PORTUGAL: 9225/16 ECOFIN 465 UEM 211 SOC 329 EMPL 225  
COMPET 299 ENV 344 EDUC 200 RECH 191 ENER 207  
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ROMANIA: 9226/16 ECOFIN 466 UEM 212 SOC 330 EMPL 226  
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SLOVAKIA: 9228/16 ECOFIN 468 UEM 214 SOC 332 EMPL 228  
COMPET 302 ENV 347 EDUC 203 RECH 194 ENER 210  
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FINLAND: 9229/16 ECOFIN 469 UEM 215 SOC 333 EMPL 229  
COMPET 303 ENV 348 EDUC 204 RECH 195 ENER 211  
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SWEDEN: 9230/16 ECOFIN 470 UEM 216 SOC 334 EMPL 230  
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JAI 460

UNITED KINGDOM: 9231/16 ECOFIN 471 UEM 217 SOC 335 EMPL 231  
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