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Subject: Written Procedure for the adoption of:

- COUNCIL DECISION giving notice to Spain to take measures for the deficit reduction judged necessary in order to remedy the situation of excessive deficit (ST 11552/16), and
- COUNCIL DECISION giving notice to Portugal to take measures for the deficit reduction judged necessary in order to remedy the situation of excessive deficit (ST 11553/16)

1) COUNCIL DECISION giving notice to Spain to take measures for the deficit reduction judged necessary in order to remedy the situation of excessive deficit (ST 11552/16)

Would you please state whether you agree to:

- the use of the written procedure for the adoption of the above act,
- not submitting the proposal for the examination of Coreper, and
- the adoption of the above Decision as set out in document 11552/16.

Please answer "YES" or "NO" to each of these questions. You may also reply "ABSTAIN" to the third question.

For the procedure to be valid, all euro area Member States have to respond to these three questions before the deadline indicated below and the Commission needs to respond to the first question. Spain does not participate in the vote.

2) COUNCIL DECISION giving notice to Portugal to take measures for the deficit reduction judged necessary in order to remedy the situation of excessive deficit (ST 11553/16)

Would you please state whether you agree to:

- the use of the written procedure for the adoption of the above act,
- not submitting the proposal for the examination of Coreper, and
- the adoption of the above Decision as set out in document 11553/16.

Please answer "YES" or "NO" to each of these questions. You may also reply "ABSTAIN" to the third question.

For the procedure to be valid, all euro area Member States have to respond to these three questions before the deadline indicated below and the Commission needs to respond to the first question. Portugal does not participate in the vote.

Any unilateral statements should be made separately.

Replies must reach the General Secretariat of the Council **by 16h00 (CET) on Monday, 8 August 2016**. They should be e-mailed to dgg1a.economic-policy@consilium.europa.eu with copy to miroslav.stoyanov@consilium.europa.eu and or faxed to fax no: +32-2-281-6685, for the attention of Mr Miroslav Stoyanov.
