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Subject: Mid-term review of the Multiannual Financial Framework
- State of play

1. In accordance with Article 2 of the MFF Regulation, the Commission presented on 14 September 2016 a Communication on the mid-term Review/Revision of the MFF 2014-2020¹. This Communication was accompanied by the following legislative and inter-institutional proposals:
 - A proposal for amending Council Regulation No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020, as amended by Council Regulation No 2015/623 of 21 April 2015^{2; 3};
 - A proposal for amending the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management⁴;
 - A proposal for amending Decision No 2015/435 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2014 on the mobilisation of the Contingency Margin⁵;

¹ ST 12183/16 + COR1 + ADD1
² OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 884, and OJ L 103, 22.4.2015, p. 1.
³ ST 12184/16
⁴ ST 12185/16
⁵ ST 12186/16

- An "Omnibus" proposal to simplify financial rules under the Financial Regulation and relevant basic acts⁶.
- 2. The Communication and accompanying proposals were presented to COREPER on 14 September 2016, which was followed by a presentation at the General Affairs Council on 20 September 2016.
- 3. On 14 September 2016, COREPER tasked the Friends of the Presidency group (MFF Review/Revision) to examine the Communication of the Commission, as well as the proposals amending the MFF Regulation, the Interinstitutional Agreement and the decision on the mobilisation of the Contingency Margin. The group met on 23 and 29 September 2016, as well as on 4, 7 and 13 October 2016.
- 4. On 21 September 2016, COREPER reviewed the proposals to provide guidance for work at expert level. On 12 October 2016, COREPER prepared the discussion which will take place on 18 October 2016 during the General Affairs Council.
- 5. The Presidency will continue to place the MFF Review/Revision on the agenda of the General Affairs Council, in order to facilitate reaching an agreement.
- 6. The Presidency aims at finalising work on this file by the end of the semester.

⁶ ST 12187/16 + ADD1-2 - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1299/2013, (EU) 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, EU No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1305/2013, (EU) No 1306/2013, (EU) No 1307/2013, (EU) No 1308/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014,(EU) No 283/2014, (EU) No 652/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Decision No 541/2014/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council.