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NOTE

From: Presidency
To: Council

Subject: Mid-term review of the Multiannual Financial Framework
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1. In accordance with Article 2 of the MFF Regulation¹, the Commission adopted on 14 September 2016 a Communication on the review/revision of the MFF. This Communication was accompanied by several legislative proposals.
2. Following a presentation to the General Affairs Council on 20 September 2016, COREPER, with the support of the Friends of the Presidency group (MFF Review/Revision), discussed on several occasions 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. A report on the state of play of discussions has been prepared by the Presidency in document 13162/16.

¹ Council Regulation (EU, EURATOM) n°1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020.

3. To allow for progress in the examination of the Commission proposals, the Presidency has decided to put the item on the agenda of the General Affairs Council of 18 October 2016. Ministers are invited to consider the following questions for the discussion:

1. Considering the current context, are the tools proposed appropriate to respond to the challenges for the coming years?

2. Are the Commission proposals delivering the right balance between predictability and flexibility for the MFF?

3. Do delegations agree that budgetary prudence is compatible with new solutions to respond to new needs?
