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Subject:

- Adoption of the Council's position on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2018
- Adoption of the Council's position on draft amending budget No 3 to the general budget 2017 increasing the budgetary resources of the Youth Employment Initiative to pursue the reduction of youth unemployment across the European Union and updating the staff establishment plans of the decentralised agency ACER and the joint undertaking SESAR2
- Adoption of the Council's position on draft amending budget No 4 to the general budget for 2017 accompanying the proposal to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Italy
- Agreement on the proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Italy
 - *Initiation of written procedure*

On 12 July 2017, the Permanent Representatives Committee reached an agreement on the Council's positions on the draft general budget of the EU for the financial year 2018 and on draft amending budgets (DAB) No 3 and No 4 to the general budget for 2017, and on the proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Italy, as well as on the use of the written procedure for their adoption by the Council.

Would you therefore please state whether you agree to:

(1) confirm the agreement on the 2018 draft budget and consequently:

- adopt the Council's position on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2018 as recorded in documents 10939/1/17 REV 1 and 10939/17 ADD 1 to 5;
- instruct the Presidency, assisted by the General Secretariat of the Council, to forward the Council's position together with the explanatory memorandum to the European Parliament, in accordance with Article 314(3) TFEU, and approve the letter set out in Annex III to document 10939/1/17 REV 1 to that effect;
- have the Council's position, as set out in Annex I to document 10939/1/17 REV 1, published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*; and
- record in the Council's minutes the statements recorded in Annex II to document 10939/1/17 REV 1.

(2) confirm the agreement on DAB No 3/2017 and consequently:

- adopt the Council's position on DAB No 3/2017 as recorded in document 10975/1/2017 REV 1;
- instruct the Presidency, assisted by the General Secretariat of the Council, to forward the Council's position together with the explanatory memorandum to the European Parliament, in accordance with Article 314(3) TFEU, and approve the draft letter in Annex 2 to document 10975/1/17 REV 1 to that effect;
- have the Council's position, as set out in Annex 1 to document 10975/1/17 REV 1, published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*; and
- record in the Council's minutes the unilateral statement by Austria, Germany and Sweden set out in Annex 3 to document 10975/1/17 REV 1.

- (3) confirm the agreement on DAB No 4/2017 and consequently:
- adopt the Council's position on DAB No 4/2014 as recorded in document 10976/17;
 - instruct the Presidency to prepare the budgetary documents to be sent to the European Parliament and approve the draft letter in Annex 2 to document 10976/17 to that effect; and
 - have the Council's position, as set out in Annex 1 to document 10976/17, published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.
- (4) confirm the agreement on the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Italy and consequently adopt the text of the Decision as recorded in document 10978/17.

Please answer "YES", "NO" or "ABSTAIN" to these **four questions**.

Any unilateral statements should be made separately.

Replies must reach the General Secretariat of the Council **by 12H00 on Monday 4 September 2017**. They may be faxed to +32.2-281.92.98, for the attention of Ms Rita Gomes Pires, or sent by e-mail to **ritasofia.gomespires@consilium.europa.eu** and **karen.geeraert@consilium.europa.eu**.