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From: General Secretariat of the Council

To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council

Subject: European Semester :

Council Recommendations on the National Reform Programmes 2012 to each Member State, delivering Council Opinions on the updated Stability or Convergence Programmes - adoption of the Croatian language version

Council recommendation on the implementation of the broad guidelines for the economic policies of the Member States whose currency is the euro - adoption of the Croatian language version

Explanations of modifications to Commission recommendations for the Country Specific Recommendations - adoption of the Croatian language version

Under the European Semester, the Commission submitted on 31 May 2013 to the Council

- a Recommendation for a Council Recommendation on the implementation of the broad guidelines for the economic policies of the Member States whose currency is the euro; and
- for 23 Member States, a Recommendation for a Council Recommendation on the National Reform Programme 2013, 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, with a recommendation on the implementation of the broad guidelines for the economic policies of the Member States whose currency is the euro, based on Articles 136 and 121(2) TFEU, and, in certain cases, with recommendations on the preventive part of the macroeconomic imbalances procedure under Article 6(1) of Regulation 1176/2011.

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.

These text were examined and finalised by the Council, meeting in its EPSCO formation on 20 June, its ECOFIN formation on 21 June, its General Affairs formation on 25 June and endorsed by the European Council on 27-28 June. They were subsequently adopted by the Council meeting in its ECOFIN formation on 19 July 2013 except for the Croatian version which was not available.

In accordance with Treaty Articles 121(2) and 148(4) TFEU, the Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to suggest that the Council decides to adopt the Croatian version of the explanatory note 11336/13 and all documents listed in the annex to the chapeau-document 11505/1/13 REV1 as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting.

That Decision will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union in conformity with Article 297(2), second subparagraph TFEU.