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Subject: Draft Council conclusions on European Court of Auditors' Special Report No 4/2017: Protecting the EU budget from irregular spending: The Commission made increasing use of preventive measures and financial corrections in Cohesion during the 2007-2013 period  
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1. On 27 April 2017, the General Secretariat of the Council received the European Court of Auditors' Special Report No 4/2017 entitled " Protecting the EU budget from irregular spending: The Commission made increasing use of preventive measures and financial corrections in Cohesion during the 2007-2013 period"<sup>1</sup>.
2. Pursuant to the rules laid down in the Council conclusions on improving the examination of special reports drawn up by the Court of Auditors<sup>2</sup>, the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part II), at its meeting on 15 June 2017, instructed the Working Party on Structural Measures to examine this report according to the rules laid down in the above-mentioned conclusions.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ C 134, 28.4.2017, p. 3.

<sup>2</sup> Doc. 7515/00 FIN 127 + COR 1.

3. The Working Party on Structural Measures examined the Special Report on 3 and 17 July and 5 September 2017, and an agreement on draft Council conclusions was reached on 8 June 2017 following a silence procedure.
  4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to recommend to the Council to adopt, as an "A" item, these draft Council conclusions as set out in the Annex to this document.
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