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from:	General Secretariat
to:	COREPER (Part I)/Council (EPSCO)
Subject:	Draft Council Recommendations on the National Reform Programmes (2014) to each Member State, including Macro-economic Imbalance Procedure (MIP) - <i>Approval</i>

In the context of the 2014 European Semester process, the proposals for Country-Specific Recommendations (as listed in document 10528/14) were presented by the Commission on 2 June.

The 27 documents (one per Member State (26) plus one for the Eurozone) were examined by the relevant committees (EMCO, SPC, EPC, EFC/EFCA). Certain issues were also examined in a horizontal manner with the aim of ensuring the consistency of the recommendations across the Member States.

The references to the texts of the draft recommendations for each Member State, as resulting from the Committees' discussions, are set out in doc. 10809/14. The draft explanatory note summarising the "comply or explain" rule and taking into account the conclusions of the multilateral surveillance reviews is set out in doc. 10810/14.

With regard to the outcome of the discussions in the EPSCO strand, the Chairs of the Employment and Social Protection Committees have informed the Presidency about their Committees' positions on some recommendations. Their letters are to be found in the addendum to this note.

Regarding the organisation of work at Council level, full consideration has been given to the cross-cutting issues to be discussed in both Council formations (EPSCO and ECOFIN). The ECOFIN Council will consider and approve the economic/financial and MIP related parts of the recommendations on 20 June. The two Council formations involved need to synchronise their work with a view to providing joint input into the discussion at the European Council on 26-27 June.

Coreper is invited to examine the draft Recommendations, as listed in doc. 10809/14, with a view to enabling the Council (EPSCO) to approve the employment and social policy related aspects of the draft Council Recommendations for each Member State and the one for the Eurozone.

The Country-specific Recommendations will be submitted to the European Council on 26-27 June 2014 for endorsement.
