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Subject: Council Recommendations on the National Reform Programmes 2015 to each Member State, delivering Council Opinions on the updated Stability or Convergence Programmes and Council recommendation on the implementation of the broad guidelines for the economic policies of the Member States whose currency is the euro

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Under the European Semester, the Commission submitted on 13 May 2015 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 26 Member States, a Recommendation for a Council Recommendation on the National Reform Programme 2015, 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.

The EPSCO and ECOFIN Councils approved the texts on 18 and 19 June, respectively. The European Council has endorsed them on 25-26 June, in accordance with Article 121(2) TFEU.

As regards France, the text of the country-specific recommendation 1 (and corresponding recital 8) was finalised by the Economic and Financial Committee (EFC) on 2 July, following the forthcoming Commission assessment of the report on effective action, which was submitted by France on 10 June 2015 in the framework of the excessive deficit procedure. Coreper agreed with the final text on 9 July.

The ECOFIN Council will proceed on 14 July to the formal adoption of the texts set out in the annex.

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.

The texts are set out in the documents listed in the annex of this note.

New voting modalities within the Council are in force as from 1 November 2014. These also apply to the Country Specific Recommendations. However, as for other files, any member of the Council can request that any recommendation (whether it is addressed to itself or to a different Member State) is adopted in conformity with the voting rules applicable up to 1 November 2014.

In the course of the discussions of the text of the Recommendations at the Council preparatory bodies (COREPER, EFC, EPC, EMCO, SPC) prior to their approval by the Council in June 2015, a number of Member States indicated to the chairs of these preparatory bodies their intention to request the application of the voting rules in force before the 1 November 2014 ("old voting rules").

The contribution of the Council Legal Service (doc. 5205/15) provides advice on voting modalities, including on the need to apply the same voting rule in all the Council bodies examining the same

recommendation. Consequently, in cases where a request to apply the old voting rules has been made in the course of the preparatory discussions, the old voting rules should also apply to the adoption of the recommendation concerned by the Council.

According to the information received by the Council General Secretariat, the following Member States have requested at the Council preparatory bodies that the recommendations concerning their own country be adopted in conformity with voting rules applicable up to 1 November 2014 (old voting rules): AT, BG, EE, FR, HU, IE, LV, MT, NL, PL and PT.

The other Member States have not requested the use of old voting rules; instead their recommendations should be adopted in conformity with voting rules in force as from 1 November 2014 (new voting rules).

This is without prejudice to the right of any Member State to request, at the stage of final adoption, the use of old voting rules.

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SPAIN:	9243/15 UEM 181 ECOFIN 386 SOC 349 COMPET 261 ENV 342 EDUC 167 RECH 158 ENER 199 JAI 363 EMPL 222 + COR 1

FRANCE: 9244/1/15 UEM 182 ECOFIN 387 SOC 350 COMPET 262  
ENV 343 EDUC 168 RECH 159 ENER 200 JAI 364 EMPL 223

CROATIA: 9245/15 UEM 183 ECOFIN 388 SOC 351 COMPET 263  
ENV 344 EDUC 169 RECH 160 ENER 201 JAI 365 EMPL 224  
+ COR 1 + REV1 (HR), RE1CO1 (HR)

ITALY: 9246/15 UEM 184 ECOFIN 389 SOC 352 COMPET 264  
ENV 345 EDUC 170 RECH 161 ENER 202 JAI 366 EMPL 225  
+ COR 1

LATVIA: 9248/15 UEM 185 ECOFIN 390 SOC 353 COMPET 265  
ENV 347 EDUC 171 RECH 162 ENER 204 JAI 367 EMPL 226  
+ COR1 (HR) + COR 2

LITHUANIA: 9249/15 UEM 186 ECOFIN 391 SOC 354 COMPET 266  
ENV 348 EDUC 172 RECH 163 ENER 205 JAI 368 EMPL 227  
+ COR 1

LUXEMBOURG: 9250/15 UEM 187 ECOFIN 392 SOC 355 COMPET 267  
ENV 349 EDUC 173 RECH 164 ENER 206 JAI 369 EMPL 228  
+ COR 1

HUNGARY: 9251/15 UEM 188 ECOFIN 393 SOC 356 COMPET 268  
ENV 350 EDUC 174 RECH 165 ENER 207 JAI 370 EMPL 229  
+ COR 1

MALTA: 9252/15 UEM 189 ECOFIN 394 SOC 357 COMPET 269  
ENV 351 EDUC 175 RECH 166 ENER 208 JAI 371 EMPL 230  
+ COR 1

THE NETHERLANDS: 9253/15 UEM 190 ECOFIN 395 SOC 358 COMPET 270  
ENV 352 EDUC 176 RECH 167 ENER 209 JAI 372 EMPL 231  
+ COR 1

AUSTRIA: 9254/15 UEM 191 ECOFIN 396 SOC 359 COMPET 271  
ENV 353 EDUC 177 RECH 168 ENER 210 JAI 373 EMPL 232  
+ COR1 (DE) + COR 2

POLAND: 9255/15 UEM 192 ECOFIN 397 SOC 360 COMPET 272  
ENV 354 EDUC 178 RECH 169 ENER 211 JAI 374 EMPL 233  
+ COR 1 + COR 2 (PL)

PORTUGAL: 9258/15 UEM 193 ECOFIN 399 SOC 361 COMPET 273  
ENV 356 EDUC 179 RECH 170 ENER 213 JAI 375 EMPL 234  
+ COR 1

ROMANIA: 9259/1/15 UEM 194 ECOFIN 400 SOC 362 COMPET 274  
ENV 357 EDUC 180 RECH 171 ENER 214 JAI 376 EMPL 235  
+ RE1CO1 + RE1CO2

SLOVENIA: 9260/15 UEM 195 ECOFIN 401 SOC 363 COMPET 275  
ENV 358 EDUC 181 RECH 172 ENER 215 JAI 377 EMPL 236  
+ COR 1 + REV1 (SL), RE1CO1 (SL)

SLOVAKIA: 9261/15 UEM 196 ECOFIN 402 SOC 364 COMPET 276  
ENV 359 EDUC 182 RECH 173 ENER 216 JAI 378 EMPL 237  
+ COR 1

FINLAND: 9262/15 UEM 197 ECOFIN 403 SOC 365 COMPET 277  
ENV 360 EDUC 183 RECH 174 ENER 217 JAI 379 EMPL 238  
+ COR 1

SWEDEN: 9263/15 UEM 198 ECOFIN 404 SOC 366 COMPET 278  
ENV 361 EDUC 184 RECH 175 ENER 218 JAI 380 EMPL 239  
+ COR 1

UNITED KINGDOM: 9265/15 UEM 199 ECOFIN 405 SOC 367 COMPET 279  
ENV 362 EDUC 185 RECH 176 ENER 219 JAI 381 EMPL 240  
+ COR 1

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