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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: Draft joint statement on the dates for the budgetary procedure and modalities for the functioning of the Conciliation Committee in 2016
– *Outcome of the trilogue on 14 March 2016*

1. Following discussions between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission at the trilogue on 14 March 2016, an agreement was reached on the draft joint statement set out in the ANNEX.
2. The Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to advise the Council to confirm its agreement on this draft joint statement.

DRAFT JOINT STATEMENT

**Dates for the budgetary procedure and modalities for the
functioning of the Conciliation Committee in 2016**

"A. In accordance with Part A of the annex to the Interinstitutional Agreement between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management, the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission agree on the following key dates for the 2017 budgetary procedure:

1. A trilogue will be called on 13 July in the afternoon before the adoption of the Council's position;

[The Commission will endeavour to present the statement of estimates 2017 by late May]

2. The Council will endeavour to adopt its position and transmit it to the European Parliament by week 37 (third week of September), in order to facilitate a timely agreement with the European Parliament;
3. The European Parliament's Committee on Budgets will endeavour to vote on amendments to the Council's position by the end of week 41 (mid-October) at the latest;
4. A trilogue will be called on 19 October in the afternoon before the reading of the European Parliament;
5. The European Parliament's Plenary will vote on its reading in week 43 (Plenary session of 24-27 October);
6. The conciliation period will start on 28 October. In agreement with the provisions of point c of Article 314(4) TFEU, the time available for conciliation will expire on 17 November 2016;

7. The Conciliation Committee will meet on 8 November hosted by the European Parliament and on 16 November hosted by the Council and may resume as appropriate; the sessions of the Conciliation Committee will be prepared by trilogue(s). A trilogue is scheduled on 10 November. Additional trilogue(s) may be called during the 21-day conciliation period, including possibly on 14 November.
- B. The modalities for the functioning of the Conciliation Committee are set out in Part E of the annex to the above-mentioned Interinstitutional Agreement."
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