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

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Subject: Draft joint statement on the dates for the budgetary procedure and modalities for the functioning of the Conciliation Committee in 2018  
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1. Following discussions between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission at the trilogue on 27 March 2018, 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 on the dates for the budgetary procedure and modalities for the functioning of the Conciliation Committee in 2018**

- 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 2019 budgetary procedure:
1. The Commission will endeavour to present the Statement of Estimates 2019 by late May;
  2. A trilogue will be called on 12 July in the morning, before the adoption of the Council's position;
  3. 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;
  4. 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;
  5. A trilogue will be called on 18 October in the morning, before the reading of the European Parliament;
  6. The European Parliament's Plenary will vote on its reading in week 43 (Plenary session of 22-25 October);
  7. The Conciliation period will start on 30 October. In agreement with the provisions of Article 314(4)(c) TFEU, the time available for conciliation will expire on 19 November 2018;
  8. The Conciliation Committee will meet on 7 November in the morning 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 7 November in the morning. Additional trilogue(s) may be called during the 21-day conciliation period, including possibly on 14 November (Strasbourg).
- 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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