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Subject: Adoption of:

- Council's position on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2020
 - Council's position on DAB No 1/2019: Entering the surplus of the financial year 2018
 - Council's position on DAB No 2/2019: Reinforcement of Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+
 - Council's position on DAB No 3/2019 accompanying the proposal to mobilise the EU Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Austria, Italy and Romania
 - Council's position on DAB No 4/2019: Reduction of c/a and p/a in line with updated needs of expenditure and update of revenue (own resources)
 - Information to national Parliaments in the context of draft amending budget No 4 to the general budget for 2019
 - Decision on the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Austria, Italy and Romania
 - Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Decision (EU) 2019/276 as regards the amounts mobilised from the Flexibility Instrument for 2019
 - *Initiation of written procedure*
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On 10 July 2019, the Permanent Representatives Committee reached an agreement on the draft budget for 2020, on draft amending budgets (DAB) No 1, No 2, No 3 and No 4 to the general budget for 2019, on the information to national Parliaments in the context of DAB No 4/2019, on the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Austria, Italy and Romania, on the adjustment of the amounts mobilised from the Flexibility Instrument for 2019, as well as on the use of the written procedure for their adoption by the Council.

Would you therefore please state whether you agree to:

- (1) confirm the agreement on the draft budget for 2020 and consequently:
 - adopt the Council's position on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2020 as recorded in documents 10919/19 + ADD 1 to ADD 5;
 - instruct the Presidency, assisted by the General Secretariat of the Council, to forward the Council's position together with the explanatory memorandum to the European Parliament, in accordance with Article 314(3) TFEU, and approve the letter set out in Annex III to document 10919/19 to that effect;
 - have the Council's position, as set out in Annex I to document 10919/19, published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*; and
 - record in the Council's minutes the statements recorded in Annex II to document 10919/19.

- (2) confirm the agreement on DAB No 1/2019 and consequently:
 - adopt the Council's position on DAB No 1/2019 as recorded in document 10923/19;
 - instruct the Presidency to prepare the budgetary documents to be sent to the European Parliament and approve the draft letter in Annex 2 to document 10923/19 to that effect; and
 - have the Council's position, as set out in Annex 1 to document 10923/19, published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

- (3) confirm the agreement on DAB No 2/2019 and consequently:
- adopt the Council's position on DAB No 2/2019 as recorded in document 10924/19;
 - instruct the Presidency to prepare the budgetary documents to be sent to the European Parliament and approve the draft letter in Annex 2 to document 10924/19 to that effect; and
 - have the Council's position, as set out in Annex 1 to document 10924/19, published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.
- (4) confirm the agreement on DAB No 3/2019 and consequently:
- adopt the Council's position on DAB No 3/2019 as recorded in document 10925/19;
 - instruct the Presidency to prepare the budgetary documents to be sent to the European Parliament and approve the draft letter in Annex 2 to document 10925/19 to that effect; and
 - have the Council's position, as set out in Annex 1 to document 10925/19, published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.
- (5) confirm the agreement on DAB No 4/2019 and consequently:
- adopt the Council's position on DAB No 4/2019 as recorded in document 10988/19;
 - instruct the Presidency to prepare the budgetary documents to be sent to the European Parliament and approve the draft letter in Annex 2 to document 10988/19 to that effect;
 - have the Council's position, as set out in Annex 1 to document 10988/19, published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*;

- agree, on the basis of Article 3(3) of its Rules of Procedure, to shorten the eight-week period for the information of national Parliaments laid down in Article 4 of Protocol No 1 on the role of national Parliaments in the European Union;
 - approve the communication to be addressed to national Parliaments by the General Secretariat of the Council as recorded in the Annex to document 10989/19 to that effect.
- (6) confirm the agreement on the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Austria, Italy and Romania and consequently adopt the text of the Decision as recorded in document 10926/19;
- (7) confirm the agreement on the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument as regards adjustments to the amounts mobilised from the Flexibility Instrument for 2019 as recorded in document 10990/19 REV 1.

Please answer "YES", "NO" or "ABSTAIN" to these **seven questions**.

Any unilateral statements should be made separately.

Replies must reach the General Secretariat of the Council **by 12H00 on Tuesday 3 September 2019**. They may be faxed to +32.2-281 92 98 for the attention of Ms Eva Veivo or sent by e-mail to **eva.veivo@consilium.europa.eu**, **karen.geeraert@consilium.europa.eu** and **athina.bai@consilium.europa.eu**.