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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)
Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the existence of an excessive deficit in Romania (ST 6304/20), and
COUNCIL Recommendation with a view to bringing an end to the situation of an excessive government deficit in Romania (ST 6305/20)
– Decision to use the written procedure for adoption

1. On 4 March 2020, the Commission adopted a Proposal for a Council Decision on the existence of an excessive deficit in Romania and a Council Recommendation with a view to bringing an end to the situation of the excessive deficit.
2. The draft texts have been prepared and agreed by the Economic and Financial Committee on 9 March 2020.
3. On 11 March 2020, the Permanent Representatives Committee agreed to add this item to the agenda of the Council (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 17 March 2020, and agreed to forward the Decision and the Recommendation to the Council for adoption.
4. Following the cancellation of the Council (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 17 March 2020, it will only be possible to adopt the texts via the written procedure, which would be launched on Wednesday 1 April 2020 at 16.00 and would end on Friday 3 April 2020 at 10.00.

5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is asked to agree to the use of the written procedure for the adoption of the Council Decision, as set out in document 6304/20, and the Council Recommendation as set out in document 6305/20. Following its adoption, with the agreement of the Member State in question and in line with the usual practice, the Council Recommendation 6305/20 will be made public.
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