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Subject:	Council Decisions related to the excessive deficit procedure COUNCIL DECISIONS on the existence of an excessive deficit in Belgium, France, Hungary, Italy, Malta, Poland and Slovakia COUNCIL DECISION establishing that no effective action has been taken by Romania in response to the Council Recommendation of 18 June 2021 – Initiation of written procedure

Delegations are invited to reply to the following questions of this written procedure **by 12h00 (CET) on Friday, 26 July 2024**. Please provide an answer for each of the questions.

1. **COUNCIL DECISION on the existence of an excessive deficit in Belgium (ST 12164/24)**

Following the decision of the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2), with the agreement of the Commission, on 24 July 2024 to use the written procedure, please state whether you agree to the adoption of a COUNCIL DECISION on the existence of an excessive deficit in Belgium, as set out in document 12164/24.

Please answer YES, NO or ABSTENTION.

For the procedure to be valid, all Member States need to answer this question before the deadline indicated except Belgium and Member States with derogation (in application of Article 139(4)(b) TFEU) which do not participate in this vote.

2. COUNCIL DECISION on the existence of an excessive deficit in France (ST 12166/24)

Following the decision of the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2), with the agreement of the Commission, on 24 July 2024 to use the written procedure, please state whether you agree to the adoption of a COUNCIL DECISION on the existence of an excessive deficit in France, as set out in document 12166/24.

Please answer YES, NO or ABSTENTION.

For the procedure to be valid, all Member States need to answer this question before the deadline indicated except France and Member States with derogation (in application of Article 139(4)(b) TFEU), which do not participate in this vote.

3. COUNCIL DECISION on the existence of an excessive deficit in Hungary (ST 12167/24)

Following the decision of the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2), with the agreement of the Commission, on 24 July 2024 to use the written procedure, please state whether you agree to the adoption of a COUNCIL DECISION on the existence of an excessive deficit in Hungary, as set out in document 12167/24.

Please answer YES, NO or ABSTENTION.

For the procedure to be valid, all Member States need to answer this question before the deadline indicated except Hungary which does not participate in this vote.

4. COUNCIL DECISION on the existence of an excessive deficit in Italy (ST 12168/24)

Following the decision of the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2), with the agreement of the Commission, on 24 July 2024 to use the written procedure, please state whether you agree to the adoption of a COUNCIL DECISION on the existence of an excessive deficit in Italy, as set out in document 12168/24.

Please answer YES, NO or ABSTENTION.

For the procedure to be valid, all Member States need to answer this question before the deadline indicated except Italy and Member States with derogation (in application of Article 139(4)(b) TFEU) which do not participate in this vote.

5. COUNCIL DECISION on the existence of an excessive deficit in Malta (ST 12169/24)

Following the decision of the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2), with the agreement of the Commission, on 24 July 2024 to use the written procedure, please state whether you agree to the adoption of a COUNCIL DECISION on the existence of an excessive deficit in Malta, as set out in document 12169/24.

Please answer YES, NO or ABSTENTION.

For the procedure to be valid, all Member States need to answer this question before the deadline indicated except Malta and Member States with derogation (in application of Article 139(4)(b) TFEU) which do not participate in this vote.

6. COUNCIL DECISION on the existence of an excessive deficit in Poland (ST 12170/24)

Following the decision of the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2), with the agreement of the Commission, on 24 July 2024 to use the written procedure, please state whether you agree to the adoption of a COUNCIL DECISION on the existence of an excessive deficit in Poland, as set out in document 12170/24.

Please answer YES, NO or ABSTENTION.

For the procedure to be valid, all Member States need to answer this question before the deadline indicated except Poland which does not participate in this vote.

7. COUNCIL DECISION on the existence of an excessive deficit in Slovakia (ST 12171/24)

Following the decision of the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2), with the agreement of the Commission, on 24 July 2024 to use the written procedure, please state whether you agree to the adoption of a COUNCIL DECISION on the existence of an excessive deficit in Slovakia, as set out in document 12171/24.

Please answer YES, NO or ABSTENTION.

For the procedure to be valid, all Member States need to answer this question before the deadline indicated except Slovakia and Member States with derogation (in application of Article 139(4)(b) TFEU) which do not participate in this vote.

8. COUNCIL DECISION establishing that no effective action has been taken by Romania in response to the Council Recommendation of 18 June 2021 (ST 11663/24)

Following the decision of the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2), with the agreement of the Commission, on 24 July 2024 to use the written procedure, please state whether you agree to the adoption of a COUNCIL DECISION establishing that no effective action has been taken by Romania in response to the Council Recommendation of 18 June 2021, as set out in document 11663/24.

Please answer YES, NO or ABSTENTION.

For the procedure to be valid, all Member States need to answer this question before the deadline indicated except Romania which does not participate in the vote.

Additional information

With the agreement of the Member States in question, and in line with usual practice as laid down in the Resolution of the European Council on the Stability and Growth Pact of 17 June 1997 (97/C 236/01), the Council Decisions, as set out in documents 12164/24, 12166/24, 12167/24, 12168/24, 12169/24, 12170/24, 12171/24 and 11663/24, will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

Concerning document 11663/24, as it is a Decision taken under Article 126(8) TFEU, the Council is under the obligation to report to the European Council, in line with Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1467/97. An outcome of proceedings will be issued after the adoption to this effect.

Any unilateral statements should be made at the same time as answering the questions, except for those already made at Coreper.

Replies must reach the General Secretariat of the Council **by 12h00 (CET) on Friday, 26 July 2024**. They should be e-mailed to ecomp1a.ecpol@consilium.europa.eu.