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for the functioning of the Conciliation Committee in 2020

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- 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 2021 budgetary procedure.
1. Given the exceptional circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the spring trilogue will not be convened. Instead, this statement will be endorsed through an exchange of letters with a view to submitting it for approval by the three institutions in accordance with their respective internal procedures.
 2. The Commission will endeavour to present the Statement of Estimates 2021 in June 2020.
 3. There will be a trilogue on 16 July, and an inter-institutional meeting on payments; this trilogue may also reassess the indicative dates of the budgetary procedure as appropriate.
 4. The Council will endeavour to adopt its position and transmit it to the European Parliament by week 38 (third week of September), in order to facilitate a timely agreement with the European Parliament;
 5. The European Parliament's Committee on Budgets will endeavour to vote on amendments to the Council's position by the end of week 40 (early October) at the latest;

6. There will be a trilogue and an interinstitutional meeting on payments on 14 October;
7. The European Parliament's Plenary will endeavour to vote on its reading in week 43 (Plenary session of 19-22 October);
8. The Conciliation period will start on 27 October. In agreement with the provisions of Article 314(4)(c) TFEU, the time available for conciliation will expire on 16 November 2020,
9. The Conciliation Committee will meet on 27 October, hosted by the European Parliament and on 13 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 29 October.

Additional trilogue(s) may be called during the 21-day conciliation period, including possibly on 10 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.
