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REPORT

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)

Subject: Country-Specific Recommendations: Recommendations on the National Reform Programmes 2020 to each Member State
- Approval

In the context of the 2020 European Semester process, the Commission submitted to the Council on 20 May its proposals for a Council Recommendation on the National Reform Programmes 2020, and delivering a Council Opinion on the updated Stability or Convergence Programmes (as listed in document 8202/20).

The 28 documents (one for each Member State) were examined by the relevant committees (EMCO, SPC, EPC, EFC/EFC-A). Certain issues of horizontal substance were also examined in joint meetings, with the aim of ensuring consistency among the recommendations for the different Member States.

The texts of the draft recommendations for all the Member States, as resulting from the Committees' discussions, are set out in document 8449/20. The draft explanatory note on the "comply or explain" rule summarising the reasons for amendments, and taking into account the conclusions of the multilateral surveillance reviews, is set out in document 8650/20.

Regarding the organisation of work at Council level, full consideration has been given to the cross-cutting issues. The Council (ECOFIN) is expected to approve by written procedure the contribution on economic/financial and MIP-related aspects, ahead of their endorsement by the European Council, and adopt the recommendations.

Coreper is invited to examine the contribution on the employment and social policy aspects of the draft recommendations set out in the country documents (as listed in document 8449/20), and to decide that the Council will use the written procedure for the approval of the contribution on the employment and social policy aspects of the draft recommendations on the National Reform Programmes 2020 to each Member State, in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure and Article 1 of Council Decision 2020/702.