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**'I/A' ITEM NOTE**

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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: Council Recommendations on the National Reform Programmes 2020 to each Member State, and the UK, delivering Council Opinions on the updated Stability or Convergence Programmes  
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Under the European Semester 2020, the Commission submitted to the Council on 20 May 2020, for 27 Member States, and the UK, a Recommendation for a Council Recommendation on the National Reform Programme 2020, and delivering a Council Opinion on the updated Stability or Convergence Programme.

These recommendations combine economic and employment recommendations, based on Articles 121(2) and 148(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), with Council opinions on stability and convergence programmes, based on Articles 5(2) and 9(2) of Regulation 1466/97, and, in certain cases, with recommendations on the preventive part of the macroeconomic imbalances procedure under Article 6(1) of Regulation 1176/2011.

Bearing in mind that recommendations falling within the scope of Article 148(4) TFEU form an integral part of the country-specific recommendations and that their content is inextricably linked to that corresponding to the Stability and Growth pact, the procedure under Article 121(2) TFEU should apply to both parts of the recommendations.

Following the preparatory process at the Committee level, EPSCO on 15 June 2020 approved in a written procedure the contribution on employment and social policies aspects of these recommendations while ECOFIN on 19 June approved in a written procedure the contribution on economic/financial and MIP-related aspects.

The European Council will endorse the texts at its (physical) meeting on 17–18 July 2020.

In accordance with Article 2-ab(2) of Regulation 1466/97, the text of the Council recommendation was accompanied with a note explaining the amendments to the Commission's recommendations introduced by the Council.

COREPER could therefore suggest that the Council decides to adopt as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting:

- The texts of the country-specific recommendations, as set out in 8449/5/20 REV 5, and the accompanying explanatory note, as set out in ST 8410/20 + COR 1.