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**From:** General Secretariat of the Council  
**To:** Permanent Representatives Committee (part 2)/Council

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**Subject:** Proposals for Council Implementing Decisions granting temporary support under Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Greece, Spain, Croatia, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia and Slovakia to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak  
- Adoption

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1. Council Regulation (EU) 2020/672 of 19 May 2020 on the establishment of a European instrument for temporary support to mitigate unemployment risks in an emergency (SURE) following the COVID-19 outbreak<sup>1</sup> (hereafter - 'SURE Regulation') lays down the framework enabling the Union to provide financial assistance to Member States that are experiencing, or are seriously threatened with, a severe economic disturbance caused by the COVID-19 outbreak for the financing, primarily, of short-time work schemes or similar measures aimed at protecting employees and the self-employed and, as an ancillary, of some health-related measures.
2. In accordance with Article 6(1) of the SURE Regulation, financial assistance is to be made available by means of a Council implementing decision adopted on the basis of a proposal from the Commission.

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<sup>1</sup> *OJ L 159, 20.5.2020, p. 1.*

3. On 24 and 25 August 2020, the Commission submitted the following proposals for Council Implementing Decisions granting temporary support under Council Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to sixteen Member States, to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak:

Proposal for a COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION granting temporary support under Council Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to <b>Belgium</b> to mitigate unemployment risks in an emergency situation following the COVID-19 outbreak	10199/20
Proposal for a COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION on granting temporary support under Council Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to <b>Bulgaria</b> to mitigate unemployment risks in an emergency situation following the COVID-19 outbreak	10212/20
Proposal for a COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION granting temporary support under Council Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to <b>Cyprus</b> to mitigate unemployment risks in an emergency situation following the COVID-19 outbreak	10213/20
Proposal for a COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION granting temporary support under Council Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to <b>Czech Republic</b> to mitigate unemployment risks in an emergency situation following the COVID-19 outbreak	10201/20
Proposal for a COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION granting temporary support under Council Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to <b>Greece</b> to mitigate unemployment risks in an emergency situation following the COVID-19 outbreak	10202/20
Proposal for a COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION granting temporary support under Council Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to <b>Spain</b> to mitigate unemployment risks in an emergency situation following the COVID-19 outbreak	10217/20
Proposal for a COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION granting temporary support under Council Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to <b>Croatia</b> to mitigate unemployment risks in an emergency situation following the COVID-19 outbreak	10200/20
Proposal for a COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION granting temporary support under Council Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to <b>Italy</b> to mitigate unemployment risks in an emergency situation following the COVID-19 outbreak	10209/20
Proposal for a COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION granting temporary support under Council Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to <b>Lithuania</b> to mitigate unemployment risks in an emergency situation following the COVID-19 outbreak	10216/20

Proposal for a COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION granting temporary support under Council Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to <b>Latvia</b> to mitigate unemployment risks in an emergency situation following the COVID-19 outbreak	10215/20
Proposal for a COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION granting temporary support under Council Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to <b>Malta</b> to mitigate unemployment risks in an emergency situation following the COVID-19 outbreak	10204/20
Proposal for a COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION granting temporary support under Council Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to <b>Poland</b> to mitigate unemployment risks in an emergency situation following the COVID-19 outbreak	10205/20
Proposal for a COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION granting temporary support under Council Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to <b>Portugal</b> to mitigate unemployment risks in an emergency situation following the COVID-19 outbreak	10225/20
Proposal for a COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION granting temporary support under Council Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to <b>Romania</b> to mitigate unemployment risks in an emergency situation following the COVID-19 outbreak	10206/20
Proposal for a COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION granting temporary support under Council Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to <b>Slovenia</b> to mitigate unemployment risks in an emergency situation following the COVID-19 outbreak	10208/20
Proposal for a COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION granting temporary support under Council Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to <b>Slovakia</b> to mitigate unemployment risks in an emergency situation following the COVID-19 outbreak	10207/20

4. Following an examination of the abovementioned proposals at the Financial Counsellors Working Party meetings on 27 August and on 3 September 2020, all delegations could support the Presidency compromise texts of the proposals. Subsequently, the texts of the decisions were revised by legal-linguistic experts.
5. The technical preparatory work on these proposals can now be considered complete, and the draft texts of the Council Implementing Decisions can be submitted to the Council for formal adoption. It should be noted that in accordance with the third subparagraph of Article 297(2) of the TFEU and with Article 18(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, these Council decisions, once adopted, are to be notified to the Member States, to which they are addressed, by the Secretary-General of the Council or a Director-General acting on his behalf.

6. Against this background, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to:
- confirm its agreement on the texts of the following draft Council Implementing Decisions, as revised by legal-linguistic experts:

COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2020/...of granting temporary support under Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to <b>the Kingdom of Belgium</b> to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak	10323/20
COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2020/...of ...on granting temporary support under Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to <b>the Republic of Bulgaria</b> to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak	10324/20
COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2020/...of ...granting temporary support under Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to <b>the Republic of Cyprus</b> to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak	10325/20
COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2020/... of ...granting temporary support under Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to <b>the Czech Republic</b> to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak	10326/20
COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2020/... of ... granting temporary support under Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to <b>the Hellenic Republic</b> to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak	10327/20
COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2020/...of ...granting temporary support under Council Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to <b>the Kingdom of Spain</b> to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak	10328/20
COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2020/...of ...granting temporary support under Council Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to <b>the Republic of Croatia</b> to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak	10329/20
COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2020/...of ...granting temporary support under Council Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to <b>the Italian Republic</b> to mitigate unemployment risks in an the emergency situation following the COVID-19 outbreak	10330/20
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COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2020/...of ...granting temporary support under Council Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to <b>the Republic of Latvia</b> to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak	10332/20
COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2020/...of ...granting temporary support under Council Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to <b>the Republic of Malta</b> to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak	10333/20
COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2020/...of ...granting temporary support under Council Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to <b>the Republic of Poland</b> to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak	10334/20
COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2020/...of ...granting temporary support under Council Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to <b>the Portuguese Republic</b> to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak	10335/20
COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2020/...of ...granting temporary support under Council Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to <b>Romania</b> to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak	10336/20
COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2020/...of ...granting temporary support under Council Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to <b>the Republic of Slovenia</b> to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak	10337/20
COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2020/...of ...granting temporary support under Council Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to <b>the Slovak Republic</b> to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak	10338/20

- advise the Council to adopt the sixteen Council Implementing Decisions, as set out in the abovementioned documents, and as revised by legal-linguistic experts, as an ‘A’ item at a forthcoming meeting.

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