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JOINT STATEMENT

**Indicative dates for the budgetary procedure and modalities for the functioning of the
Conciliation Committee in 2020**

- 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 was not convened. Instead, a previous version of this statement was endorsed through an exchange of letters between the three institutions in accordance with their respective internal procedures. Due to the link to the 2021-27 MFF negotiations, the calendar of 2021 annual budget needs to be adjusted.
 2. The Commission presented the Statement of Estimates 2021 on 24 June 2020.
 3. There will be a trilogue and an interinstitutional meeting on payments on 22 September.
 4. The Council will adopt its position and transmit it to the European Parliament on 1 October in line with the Treaty requirements.
 5. The European Parliament's Committee on Budgets will vote on amendments to the Council's position by the end of week 42 (mid-October).
 6. There will be a trilogue and an interinstitutional meeting on payments on 29 October.

7. The European Parliament's Plenary will vote on its reading in week 46.
 8. The Conciliation period will start on 17 November. In agreement with the provisions of Article 314(4)(c) TFEU, the time available for conciliation will expire on 7 December 2020.
 9. The Conciliation Committee will meet on 19 November, hosted by the European Parliament and on 3 December 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 19 November. Additional trilogue(s) may be called during the 21-day conciliation period.
- 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.
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