



**Brussels, 26 October 2020
(OR. en)**

12257/20

**ECOFIN 962
STATIS 45
UEM 345**

'I/A' ITEM NOTE

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (part 2)/Council
Subject: Draft Council conclusions on EU statistics 2020
- Adoption

1. Given the importance of high quality, comparable and reliable statistics for EU economic policy decision-making, in particular for the economic surveillance and coordination processes, the Council approves conclusions on EU statistics every year. The conclusions evaluate the progress achieved during the past year in the area of statistics and provide guidance for further work.
2. The draft Council conclusions on EU statistics 2020 were discussed at the Economic and Financial Committee's (EFC) Sub-Committee on Statistics on 19 October 2020 and subsequently at the EFC meeting on 23 October 2020, where the delegates of Member States gave their support to the draft text of the conclusions.
3. The Council Presidency therefore is of the view that it is appropriate to submit these draft conclusions for the approval by the Council.

4. Against this background, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to:
- confirm its agreement on the text of the draft Council conclusions on EU statistics 2020, as set out in document ST 12246/20 REV 1;
 - recommend that the Council approve the abovementioned conclusions, as set out in document ST 12246/20 REV 1, as an 'A' item on the agenda of a forthcoming Council meeting;
 - at the same time decide, in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure and Article 1 of Council Decision (EU) 2020/430, as extended by Council Decision (EU) 2020/1253 of 4 September 2020, that the Council use the written procedure for the adoption of the abovementioned Council conclusions, if, due to the circumstances related to COVID-19, there were no formal Council meetings until 15 November 2020.
-