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Subject: Adoption of the Council's position on draft amending budget No 10 to the general budget for 2020: Increase of payment appropriations in line with updated forecasts of expenditure and other adjustments to expenditure and revenue

- End of written procedure

Delegations are informed that the written procedure opened by CM 5213/20 of 7 December 2020 was completed on 8 December 2020 at 16:10 and that all delegations voted in favour of, except for Cyprus and Greece that voted against,

1. the adoption of the Council Decision adopting the Council's position on draft amending budget No 10 of the European Union for the financial year 2020, as set out in document 13642/20, accepting the Commission proposal¹ without any changes, as explained in document 13640/20/20;
2. the derogation, on the basis of the second subparagraph of Article 3(3) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, from the eight-week period referred to in the first subparagraph of that Article.

¹ Doc. 11673/20 + REV 1(en).

The required qualified majority has been reached. Therefore, the above Decision of the Council is adopted.

The Council agreed to derogate, on the basis of the second subparagraph of Article 3(3) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, from the eight-week period referred to in the first subparagraph of the Article.

The statements by Cyprus and Greece are reproduced in the Annex to this CM.

The above statements will be included in the summary of acts adopted by the written procedure as statements to be entered in the Council minutes, in accordance with the third subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.

Statement by Cyprus

"Turkey's continuous illegal and provocative behavior against the sovereignty and sovereign rights of EU Member States, and its significant backsliding in all areas of the EU *acquis*, is completely incompatible with its candidate status.

Cyprus therefore objects to any payments to Turkey, including relevant provisions of payment appropriations contained in DAB 10/2020."

Statement by Greece

"Greece supports all fundings deriving from the EU budget aiming at the relief of refugees, given their humanitarian nature, including the funding of the Facility for Refugees in Turkey (FRiT), as agreed in the EU- Turkey (Joint) Statement of March 2016.

Turkey's continuous illegal and provocative behavior against the sovereignty and sovereign rights of EU MS, as well as its significant backsliding in all areas of the EU *acquis*, are completely incompatible with the status of a candidate country.

Thus, Greece cannot consent to any payments to Turkey other than those of a humanitarian nature, even if the said payments are related to previously undertaken commitments, in particular to the relevant provision of payment appropriations included in DAB10/2020."