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#### 'I' ITEM NOTE

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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
No. Cion doc.:	9625/18 (COM(2018) 371 final)
Subject:	Council Regulation extending to the non-participating Member States the application of Regulation (EU) No .../2018 establishing an exchange, assistance and training programme for the protection of the euro against counterfeiting for the period 2021-2027 (the "Pericles IV" programme) – <i>Request for the consent of the European Parliament</i>

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1. On 31 May 2018, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Regulation extending to the non-participating Member States the application of Regulation (EU) No .../2018 establishing an exchange, assistance and training programme for the protection of the euro against counterfeiting for the period 2021-2027 (the "Pericles IV" programme).
2. The proposal was examined by the Working Party on Combating Fraud at its meeting on 13 September 2018. The text resulting from that examination and finalised by the legal-linguistic experts is set out in document 13255/1/20 REV 1.

3. In accordance with Article 352(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the Council may adopt the Regulation acting unanimously and after obtaining the consent of the European Parliament.
4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to:
- confirm its agreement in principle on the text of the draft Council Regulation extending to the non-participating Member States the application of Regulation (EU) No .../2018 establishing an exchange, assistance and training programme for the protection of the euro against counterfeiting for the period 2021-2027 (the "Pericles IV" programme), as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in document 13255/1/20 REV 1;
  - recommend to the Council to decide to request the consent of the European Parliament on the draft Council Regulation extending to the non-participating Member States the application of Regulation (EU) No .../2018 establishing an exchange, assistance and training programme for the protection of the euro against counterfeiting for the period 2021-2027 (the "Pericles IV" programme), as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in document 13255/1/20 REV 1;
  - decide, in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure and Article 1 of Council Decision 2020/430<sup>1</sup>, as further extended by Council Decision 2021/26<sup>2</sup>, that the Council uses the written procedure for the decision referred to in the second indent.

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<sup>1</sup> Council Decision (EU) 2020/430 of 23 March 2020 on a temporary derogation from the Council's Rules of Procedure in view of the travel difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in the Union (OJ L 88 I, 24.3.2020, p. 1).

<sup>2</sup> Council Decision (EU) 2021/26 of 12 January 2021 further extending the temporary derogation from the Council's Rules of Procedure introduced by Decision (EU) 2020/430, and extended by Decisions (EU) 2020/556, (EU) 2020/702, (EU) 2020/970, (EU) 2020/1253 and (EU) 2020/1659, in view of the travel difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in the Union (OJ L 11, 14.01.21, p. 19).