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'I' ITEM NOTE

From: Budget Committee

To: Permanent Representatives Committee

Subject: Council recommendations on the discharge to be given to the executive agencies in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2019
– *Adoption*

1. In accordance with Article 14(3) of Regulation (EC) No 58/2003¹ and the first paragraph of Article 66 of Regulation (EC) No 1653/2004², the Council is required to draw up recommendations to the European Parliament on a discharge to be given to the executive agencies.

¹ Council Regulation (EC) No 58/2003 of 19 December 2002 laying down the statute for executive agencies to be entrusted with certain tasks in the management of Community programmes (OJ L 11, 16.1.2003, p. 1).

² Commission Regulation (EC) No 1653/2004 of 21 September 2004 on a standard financial regulation for the executive agencies pursuant to Council Regulation (EC) No 58/2003 (OJ L 297, 22.9.2004, p. 6).

2. At its informal videoconference on 11 January 2021 and its meeting on 28 January 2021, the members of the Budget Committee examined the six specific annual reports³ of the European Court of Auditors related to executive agencies, and reached an agreement on the draft texts as set out in the Addendum.
3. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to:
 - confirm its agreement on the text of the draft recommendations, as set out in the Addendum to this note;
 - decide, in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure and Article 1 of Council Decision 2020/430⁴, as further extended by Council Decision 2021/26⁵, that the Council uses the written procedure for the adoption of the draft recommendations, as set out in the Addendum to this note; and
 - arrange for the above mentioned Council recommendations to be forwarded to the European Parliament and approve the draft letter in the Annex to that effect.

³ OJ C 351, 21.10.2020, p. 7.

⁴ 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).

⁵ 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).

DRAFT LETTER

from : President of the Council
to : President of the European Parliament

Sir,

In accordance with Article 14(3) of Regulation (EC) No 58/2003¹ and the first paragraph of Article 66 of Regulation (EC) No 1653/2004², I am forwarding under separate cover³ the Council recommendations of 16 February 2021 on the discharge to be given to the executive agencies in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2019.

[Complimentary close].

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³ Doc. 5794/21 + ADD 1.