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## 'I' ITEM NOTE

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From: Budget Committee

To: Permanent Representatives Committee

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

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1. In accordance with the relevant establishing acts and, as for the European Joint Undertaking for ITER and the Development of Fusion Energy and the SESAR Joint Undertaking, also in accordance with Article 70(4) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046<sup>1</sup>, the Council is required to draw up recommendations to the European Parliament on a discharge to be given to the joint undertakings.

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013 (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1).

2. At its informal videoconference on 11 January 2021 and its meetings on 28 January and 4 February 2021, the members of the Budget Committee examined the eight specific annual reports<sup>2</sup> of the European Court of Auditors related to joint undertakings, 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 2020/430<sup>3</sup>, as further extended by Council Decision 2021/26<sup>4</sup>, 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.
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<sup>2</sup> OJ C 380, 11.11.2020, p. 6.

<sup>3</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>4</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).

DRAFT LETTER

from : President of the Council

to : President of the European Parliament

Sir,

In accordance with the relevant establishing acts and, as for the European Joint Undertaking for ITER and the Development of Fusion Energy and the SESAR Joint Undertaking, also in accordance with Article 70(4) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046<sup>1</sup>, I am forwarding under separate cover<sup>2</sup> the Council recommendations of 16 February 2021 on the discharge to be given to the joint undertakings in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2019.

[Complimentary close].

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013 (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1).

<sup>2</sup> Doc. 5795/21 + ADD 1.