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STATEMENTS FOR ENTRY IN THE COUNCIL MINUTES

1. Statement on payments

In order to ensure the proper implementation of Union's programmes, the Council invites the Commission to continue closely and actively monitoring, during the year 2022, the implementation of the programmes of the current and previous MFFs (particularly in sub-heading 2a and Rural Development). To that end, it invites the Commission to present in a timely manner updated figures concerning the state of affairs and estimates regarding 2022 payment appropriations (taking into account the improved forecasts accuracy of the member states where applicable). If the figures show that the appropriations entered in the budget 2022 are insufficient to cover the justified needs, the Council invites the Commission to present as soon as possible an appropriate solution, *inter alia* a draft amending budget, with a view to allow the budgetary authority to take any necessary decisions as soon as possible without undue delay for justified needs. Where applicable, the Council will take into account the urgency of the matter, shortening the eight-week period for a decision if deemed necessary. The same applies *mutatis mutandis* if the figures show that the appropriations entered in the budget 2022 are higher than needed.

The Council will carefully examine the letter of amendment concerning agriculture (including information on assigned revenue) in order to appropriately assess the level of resources under heading 3 (*Natural resources and environment*) in the budget 2022.

2. Statement on NGEU

The Council recalls that according to Article 5 paragraph 2 of the Own Resources Decision (EU, Euratom) 2020/2053 repayments of the principal of the funds financing the European Recovery Instrument (NGEU) shall start before the end of the MFF 2021-2027 period, with a minimum amount, insofar as amounts are not used for interest payments. In this regard, the Council invites the Commission to come up with a proposal ahead of the conciliation period on how to effectively implement the relevant provisions of the Own Resources Decision (EU, Euratom) 2020/2053.