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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council
Subject: 13th (2021) annual report by the European Statistical Governance Advisory Board to the European Parliament and the Council

1. The European Statistical Governance Board (ESGAB) was established by Decision No 235/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2008¹ to provide an independent overview of the European Statistical System as regards the implementation of the European Statistics Code of Practice.
2. As one of its key tasks, the ESGAB prepares an annual report for the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the abovementioned Code of Practice insofar as it relates to the Commission (Eurostat), including an assessment of the implementation of the Code of Practice in the European Statistical System as a whole.
3. The ESGAB submitted its 13th annual report (covering the year 2021) to the Council on 7 January 2022 (set out in ST 5137/22 ECOFIN 19 UEM 9 STATIS 2).
4. The Chair of the ESGAB, in the cover letter accompanying the report, asked for 'assistance in ensuring political support where needed for the implementation of the Board's recommendations'.

¹ OJ L 73, 15.3.2008, p. 17.

5. The Financial Counsellors, meeting on 11 January 2022, agreed that the Committee of Permanent Representatives and the Council be invited to take note of the 13th ESGAB report.
 6. Against this background, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to propose to the Council to take note of the information contained in the 13th ESGAB annual report, set out in document ST 5137/22, as an 'A' item on its agenda.
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