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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council
Subject:	Council Implementing Decision under the Recovery and Resilience Facility - Bulgaria - Adoption

1. The Council Implementing Decision of 4 May 2022, as set out in the documents 8091/22 + ADD 1 approved the positive assessment of the recovery and resilience plan ('RRP') of Bulgaria accordance with Article 20(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241.
2. That Council Implementing Decision was later amended on 8 December 2023 and 18 July 2025.
3. On 9 October 2025, Bulgaria made a reasoned request to the Commission to make a proposal to amend the Council Implementing Decision of 4 May 2022 in accordance with Article 21(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241 on the grounds that the RRP is partially no longer achievable because of objective circumstances. On that basis, Bulgaria has submitted an amended RRP.
4. The Commission considers that the amendments put forward by Bulgaria do not affect the positive assessment of the RRP set out in the Council Implementing Decision of 4 May 2022 regarding the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency and coherence of the RRP against the assessment criteria laid down in Article 19(3), points (a), (b), (c), (da), (db), (e), (g), (h), (j) and (k), of Regulation (EU) 2021/241.

5. Against this background, acting on the basis of Article 20(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241, the Commission submitted to the Council on 6 November 2025, a proposal for a Council Implementing Decision amending the Implementing Decision (EU) of 4 May 2022 on the approval of the assessment of the recovery and resilience plan for Bulgaria, set out in documents ST 14951/25 and 14951/25 ADD 1-2.
6. The Financial Counsellors Working Party examined the proposal on 25 November 2025 and reached an agreement on the text, subject to legal-linguistic revision.
7. The text of the Council Implementing Decision, as finalised by the lawyer-linguists, is set out in documents 15108/25 and 15108/25 ADD 1.
8. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to:
 - confirm its agreement on the texts, as finalized by the lawyer-linguists, of:
 - a) Council Implementing Decision amending Implementing Decision 4 May 2022 on the approval of the assessment of the recovery and resilience plan for Bulgaria, as set out in document 15108/25, and
 - b) Annex to the Council Implementing Decision amending Implementing Decision of 4 May 2022 on the approval of the assessment of the recovery and resilience plan for Bulgaria, as set out in document 15108/25 ADD 1, and
 - recommend to the Council to adopt the above-mentioned Decision together with its Annex as an "A-item" at one of its forthcoming meetings.