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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (part 2)/Council
Subject:	Economic Recovery in Europe:
	 Council Implementing Decisions under the Recovery and Resilience Facility (Legal basis: Article 20 Regulation (EU)

- 1. The Council Implementing Decision of 13 July 2021, as set out in documents ST 10160/21 + ADD 1 REV 2, approved the positive assessment of the recovery and resilience plan ('RRP') of Italy in accordance with Article 20(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241. That Council Implementing Decision was later amended on 19 September 2023, 8 December 2023 and on 14 May 2024.
- 2. On 10 October 2024, Italy made a reasoned request to the Commission to make a proposal to amend the Council Implementing Decision of 13 July 2021 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, Italy has submitted an amended RRP.

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- 3. The amendments to the RRP submitted by Italy because of objective circumstances concern 21 measures, out of which 13 measures are modified based on the existence of better alternatives and 8 are aimed to reduce the administrative burden.
- 4. The Commission considers that the reasons put forward by Italy justify the amendments pursuant to Article 21(2) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241 and positively assessed the modified RRP against the assessment criteria laid down in Article 19(3) of Regulation 2021/241.
- 5. The Financial Counsellors Working Party examined the proposal on 11 November 2024 and no objections were expressed.
- 6. The text of the Council Implementing Decision, as finalised by the lawyer-linguists, is set out in documents 15114/24 + ADD 1 REV 1.

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- 7. In light of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to:
- confirm its agreement on the texts, as finalised by lawyer-linguists, of:
- a) Council Implementing Decision amending Implementing Decision of 13 July 2021 on the approval of the assessment of the recovery and resilience plan for Italy, as set out in documents ST 15114/24, and
- b) Annex to the Council Implementing Decision amending Implementing Decision of 13 July 2021 on the approval of the assessment of the recovery and resilience plan for Italy, as set out in document ST 15114/24 ADD 1 REV 1, and
- recommend to the Council to adopt that Decision together with its Annex as an "A-item" in one of its forthcoming meetings.

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