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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Council Recommendations on the National Reform Programmes 2019 to each Member State, delivering Council Opinions on the updated Stability or Convergence Programmes

Country-specific Recommendations (CSRs)

Under the European Semester 2019, the Commission submitted to the Council on 6 June, for 28 Member States, a Recommendation for a Council Recommendation on the National Reform Programme 2019, and delivering a Council Opinion on the updated Stability or Convergence Programme.

These recommendations combine economic and employment recommendations, based on Articles 121(2) and 148(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), with Council opinions on stability and convergence programmes, based on Articles 5(2) and 9(2) of Regulation 1466/97, and, in certain cases, with recommendations on the preventive part of the macroeconomic imbalances procedure under Article 6(1) of Regulation 1176/2011.

Bearing in mind that recommendations falling within the scope of Article 148(4) TFEU form an integral part of the country-specific recommendations and that their content is inextricably linked to that corresponding to the Stability and Growth pact, the procedure under Article 121(2) TFEU should apply to both parts of the recommendations.

Following the preparatory process at the Committee level, EPSCO on 8 July is to approve the contribution on employment and social policies aspects of these recommendations while ECOFIN on 9 July is to approve the contribution on economic/financial and MIP-related aspects and to adopt the recommendations in accordance with Article 121(2) TFEU.

The texts of the country-specific recommendations are set out in the documents listed in the annex of this note.

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