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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (part 2)/Council
Subject:	Council Recommendations on the National Reform Programmes 2022 to each Member State, delivering Council Opinions on the updated Stability or Convergence Programmes – Adoption

Under the European Semester 2022, the Commission submitted to the Council on 23 May 2022, for 27 Member States Recommendations for a Council Recommendation on the National Reform Programme 2022, 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 (MIP) 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.

The Council approved the contribution on employment and social polices aspects of these recommendations on 16 June 2022, and the contribution on economic, financial and MIP-related aspects and a note explaining the amendments to the Commission's recommendations introduced by the Council in accordance with Article 2-ab(2) of Regulation 1466/97 on 17 June 2022.

The European Council endorsed the texts at its meeting on 23–24 June 2022.

COREPER could therefore suggest that the Council decides to adopt as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting:

- The texts of the country-specific recommendations, as set out in doc. ST 9602/2/22 REV 2, and the accompanying explanatory note, as set out in doc. ST 9890/22.