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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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No. Cion doc.:	9625/18 (COM(2018) 371 final)
Subject:	Council Regulation extending to the non-participating Member States the application of Regulation (EU) 2021/840 establishing an exchange, assistance and training programme for the protection of the euro against counterfeiting for the period 2021-2027 (the "Pericles IV" programme), and repealing Regulation (EU) No 331/2014 – *Adoption*

1. On 31 May 2018, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Regulation extending to the non-participating Member States the application of Regulation (EU) 2021/840 establishing an exchange, assistance and training programme for the protection of the euro against counterfeiting for the period 2021-2027 (the "Pericles IV" programme).

2. The proposal was examined by the Working Party on Combating Fraud at its meeting on 13 September 2018. The text resulting from that examination and finalised by the legal-linguistic experts is set out in document 13255/1/20 REV 1 + REV 2 (it).

3. In accordance with Article 352(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the Council shall adopt the Regulation acting unanimously and after obtaining the consent of the European Parliament.

4. On 3 February 2021, the Permanent Representatives Committee agreed in principle on the draft Council Regulation extending to the non-participating Member States the application of Regulation (EU) 2021/840 establishing an exchange, assistance and training programme for the protection of the euro against counterfeiting for the period 2021-2027 (the "Pericles IV" programme), and repealing Regulation (EU) No 331/2014[1] and decided to use the written procedure to approve its forwarding to the European Parliament for its consent in accordance with Article 521(1) TFEU. At its Plenary session on 18 May 2021, the European Parliament gave its consent to the draft Council Regulation[2].

6. Given that all parliamentary reservations entered by Member States regarding the subsequent adoption of the draft Council Regulation are now lifted, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to suggest to the Council to adopt the text of the draft Council Regulation as contained in doc. 13255/1/20 REV 1 + REV 2 (it).

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1 Doc. 13255/1/20 REV 1 + REV 2 (it).
2 P9_TA(2021)0221.