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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: Council Recommendation assessing the progress made by the participating Member States to fulfil commitments undertaken in the framework of the Permanent Structured Cooperation

1. On 11 December 2017, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2017/2315¹ establishing permanent structured cooperation (PESCO) and determining the list of participating Member States.
2. Article 6(3) of Decision (CFSP) 2017/2315 provides that on the basis of the annual report on PESCO presented by the High Representative, the Council shall review once a year whether the participating Member States continue to fulfil the more binding commitments referred to in Article 3 of that Decision.
3. On 15 July 2022, the High Representative provided the Council with his annual report on the status of PESCO implementation, including on the fulfilment, by each participating Member State, of its commitments, in accordance with its revised and updated national implementation plan.

¹ OJ L 331, 14.12.2017, p. 57–77

4. On 11 October 2022 the High Representative submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Recommendation assessing the progress made by the participating Member States to fulfil commitments undertaken in the framework of PESCO (doc. 13472/22).
5. On 26 October 2022, the Politico-Military Group (PMG) agreed the text of the draft Council Recommendation, and forwarded it to the Political and Security Committee (PSC).
6. On 27 October 2022, PSC agreed the text of the draft Council Recommendation and invited the Working Party of Foreign Relations Counsellors (RELEX) to work and advance the finalisation of the legal act.
7. On 7 November 2022, RELEX finalised the text of the draft Council Recommendation.
8. The Committee of Permanent Representatives is therefore invited to:
 - confirm the agreement on the text of the draft Council Recommendation;
 - recommend to the Council to adopt the Council Recommendation assessing the progress made by the participating Member States to fulfil commitments undertaken in the framework of permanent structured cooperation (PESCO) as set out, after finalisation by the legal/linguistic experts, in document 13474/22;
 - decide to publish the Council Recommendation in the Official Journal.