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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Delegations
Subject: Submission by France for formal approval by the Council of draft design for 2 euro commemorative coin

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1. Pursuant to Article 10 of Council Regulation (EU) No 729/2014 of 24 June 2014 on denominations and technical specifications of euro coins intended for circulation¹ (hereafter 'the Council Regulation'), France submits, through the General Secretariat of the Council, the draft design for:
 - a new 2 euro commemorative coin, intended to be issued in 2024, dedicated to the Paris 2024 Olympic Games (the draft design is set out in the Annex to the present note).
2. In accordance with Article 10(4) of the Council Regulation, any Member State whose currency is the euro may, in a reasoned opinion addressed to the Council and to the Commission, raise an objection to the draft design proposed by the issuing Member State if that draft design is likely to create adverse reactions among its citizens.
3. In accordance with Article 10(5) of the Council Regulation, where the Commission considers that the draft design does not respect the technical requirements set out by the Council Regulation, it shall submit a negative assessment to the Council.

¹ OJ L 194, 2.7.2014, p. 1.

4. If no reasoned opinion or negative assessment has been submitted to the Council by 3 November 2023, the decision approving the design shall be deemed to be adopted by the Council on the first day following the expiry of this time limit, pursuant to Article 10(6) of the Council Regulation.²
5. An Information Note to the Council acknowledging the end of this procedure and setting out the results will be issued by the General Secretariat of the Council.

² The seven-day time limit and the date of adoption referred to in Article 10 of Council Regulation (EU) No 729/2014 are determined in accordance with Council Regulation (EEC, Euratom) No 1182/71 of 3 June 1971 determining the rules applicable to periods, dates and time limits (OJ L 124, 8.6.1971, p. 1).

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Paris, 25 OCT. 2023

Subject: Submission of draft designs for the national sides of one two-euro commemorative coin

Dear all,

In accordance with Council Regulation (EU) No. 651/2012 of 4 July 2012 and Council Regulation (EC) No. 729/2014 of 24 June 2014, France hereby submits the new design of a two-euro commemorative coin intended to be issued in 2024, dedicated to the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

For the countdown to the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, Monnaie de Paris celebrates the road to the games through Paris as well as its own heritage.

100 years after the 1924 Games, the French capital is once again hosting the Summer Games. This is an event with international resonance, gradually building in intensity in the years leading up to the event, culminating in 2024 with the issue of a dedicated two commemorative two-euro coins.

The design of the coin chosen depicts Hercules, a national figure and icon of French numismatics, practicing antique wrestling with Notre-Dame's Chimera, in reference to the Olympic Games of the Ancient era. Both wrestlers are depicted in the foreground in front of Notre-Dame Cathedral. In the background, an athletics track in which the

emblem of Paris 2024 is inserted on the left side, is represented. The year date, the RF mention as well as the mintmarks are inserted on the athletics track.

The estimated mintage is 510 000 coins.

The date of issuance is estimated to be January 2024, upon publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

Please find attached a copy of the design, which details the subject matter.

Yours faithfully,



2€ commemorative 2024
Jeux Olympiques 2024 - Lutte

Lancement : Janvier 2024 / Launching : January 2024



FR

A l'occasion du compte à rebours vers les Jeux Olympiques de Paris 2024, la Monnaie de Paris célèbre la route vers les Jeux à travers son patrimoine et celui de Paris.

100 ans après les Jeux de 1924, la capitale française accueille à nouveau les Jeux d'été. Un événement à résonance internationale dont l'intensité monte progressivement durant les années précédant l'événement et qui culmine en 2024 avec l'émission de deux pièces de monnaie de deux euros commémoratives dédiées aux Jeux Olympiques.

Face : La face de la monnaie représente Hercule, figure nationale et icône de la numismatique française, pratiquant la lutte en compagnie de la chimère de Notre-Dame de Paris, en référence aux Jeux Olympiques de l'ère Antique. Les deux lutteurs sont au premier plan devant la cathédrale Notre-Dame. En arrière-plan, une piste d'athlétisme dans laquelle l'emblème de Paris 2024 vient s'insérer côté gauche, est représentée. Le millésime, la mention RF ainsi que les poinçons viennent s'insérer dans la piste.

Tirage : 510 000 pièces

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Obverse: *The obverse of the coin represents Hercules, a national figure and icon of French numismatics, practicing antique wrestling with Notre-Dame's Chimera, in reference to the Olympic Games of the Ancient era. Both wrestlers are depicted in the foreground in front of Notre-Dame Cathedral. In the background, an athletics track in which the emblem of Paris 2024 is inserted on the left side, is represented. The yeardate, the RF mention as well as the mintmarks are inserted on the athletics track.*

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