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#### 'I' ITEM NOTE

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Subject: Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing an exchange, assistance and training programme for the protection of the euro against counterfeiting for the period 2021-2027 (the "Pericles IV programme")  
*- Confirmation of the final compromise text with a view to agreement*

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

1. On 31 May 2018, the Commission transmitted the above mentioned proposal which is part of the package submitted in the context of the multiannual financial framework 2021-2027.
2. This proposal is based on Article 133 TFEU. It is complemented by a second Commission proposal<sup>1</sup> extending the Pericles IV Programme to the Member States of the European Union not yet using the euro as their single currency, which will be subject to a consent procedure according to Article 352 TFEU.

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<sup>1</sup> Doc. 9625/18 (COM(2018) 371 final).

3. The European Central Bank delivered its opinion on 16 August 2018<sup>2</sup>.
4. On 13 February 2019, the Plenary of the European Parliament adopted a legislative resolution for a position at first reading.<sup>3</sup>
5. The Working Party on Combating Fraud examined the Commission proposal in several meetings between June and December 2018. On 19 December 2018, the Permanent Representatives' Committee adopted a partial mandate to begin negotiations with the European Parliament, given some horizontal provisions related to the negotiations on the multiannual financial framework (MFF).<sup>4</sup>
6. Between February and November 2020, the text of the draft Regulation was negotiated with the European Parliament at technical level and a large number of issues were resolved with compromises from both sides.

## II. STATE OF PLAY

7. The members of the Working Party on Combating Fraud were consulted on the text after the political agreement on the MFF was reached on 10 November 2020. On the basis of this consultation that confirmed the Presidency's mandate, the European Parliament hosted on 29 January 2021 a political trilogue in virtual format.
8. This trilogue reached a provisional agreement which resulted in the final compromise text as set out in Addendum 1 to this document.
9. On 29 January 2021, the members of the Working Party on Combating Fraud were informed on this provisional agreement in writing.

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<sup>2</sup> OJ C 378, 19.10.2018, p. 2.

<sup>3</sup> Doc. 6213/19.

<sup>4</sup> Doc. 14985/18 + ADD 1.

### III. CONCLUSIONS

10. Against this background and with a view to enable an early second reading agreement between the Council and the European Parliament on this legislative proposal, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to confirm the final compromise text of the Regulation as set out in Addendum 1 to this document;
11. Once the European Parliament's Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) has voted on the compromise agreement, the LIBE Chair will address a letter to the Presidency confirming that, should the Council approve this text as its first reading position, after legal-linguistic revision, the European Parliament would approve the Council's position in its second reading.
12. Unless objected by the Permanent Representatives Committee, this note, including its Addendum 1, will be made public by the General Secretariat of the Council after approval.

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