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

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1. Due to the absence of an Annex in document ST 7446/22 containing the design submitted by Luxembourg, the previous design approval procedure launched by the said document is rendered void. It is therefore necessary to relaunch the approval procedure.
2. Further to the approval by the Council on 15 October 2021 of the designs for two new Luxembourgian 2 euro commemorative coins (document ST 12655/21), one of which was dedicated to the 10th anniversary of the marriage of Hereditary Grand Duke Guillaume and Hereditary Grand Duchess Stéphanie, Luxembourg hereby submits, 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 circulation (hereafter 'the Council Regulation'), through the General Secretariat of the Council, a **modified design** for the aforementioned 2 euro commemorative coin, intended to be issued in 2022 (the modified draft design is set out in Annex to the present note).
3. 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.

4. 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.
5. If no reasoned opinion or negative assessment has been submitted to the Council **by 7 April 2022**:
- the decision approving the above-mentioned **modified design** shall be deemed adopted by the Council on the first day following the expiry of this time limit, pursuant to Article 10(6) of the Council Regulation;¹
 - the decision of the Council in regard to the **initial design** dedicated to the 10th anniversary of the marriage of Hereditary Grand Duke Guillaume and Hereditary Grand Duchess Stéphanie, set out in document ST 12655/21, shall be deemed repealed on the first day following the expiry of this time limit;
 - the decision of the Council referred to in document ST 7546/22 shall be deemed repealed on the first day following the expiry of this time limit.
6. 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.

¹ 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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Re: resubmission of slightly amended draft national design of Luxembourg euro coins

Dear Sirs,

Further to the approval by the Council on 15 October 2021 (via the information note 12655/21) of a first national design dedicated to the 10th anniversary of the marriage of the Hereditary Grand Duke, there have been some major pre-production troubles related to the initial design. Against this background, the Banque centrale du Luxembourg would like to replace the initial design and resubmits, in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 729/2014 of 24 June 2014 and the Council Regulation (EU) No. 651/2012 of 4 July 2012, a slightly amended design of the national side of the 2-euro commemorative coin intended to be issued in 2022.

As the initial design, the coin will be dedicated to the 10th anniversary of the marriage of the Hereditary Grand Duke Guillaume and the Hereditary Grand Duchesse Stéphanie.

The national side of the coin depicts the effigies of the Hereditary Grand Duke Guillaume and the Hereditary Grand Duchess Stéphanie. Close to the effigies, the respective names are depicted in semi-circular form. Two wedding rings appear at the left of the year-date 2022. At the bottom of the design, the word "LËTZEBUERG" designating the issuing country is depicted, as well as the wedding date "20. Oktober 2012". The monogram (letter "H" with a crown) is a representation of the Grand Duke Henri. As the producing mint is not yet known, the mint marks might be adapted within the spaceholder.

The edge lettering of the issue will be the same as on the regular 2-euro circulation coins issued by Luxembourg. The estimated mintage is 0,5 million coins. The date of issuance is estimated as of April 2022 depending on the minting capacity of the chosen mint.

We kindly request the EU institutions and the competent authorities of the Euro Area Member States not to disclose the submitted draft national designs and the correspondence related thereto to the public prior to the publication of the final designs in the Official Journal of the EU. Please find attached a copy of the design.

Appreciating your answer at your earliest convenience, we remain

Yours faithfully,

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Annex 1 :
- draft design

Annex 1 : draft amended design

10th anniversary of the marriage of the Hereditary Grand Duke Guillaume

