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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (part 2)/Council
Subject: Decision of the Council on the approval of draft design for the national side of 1 euro circulation coin submitted by Croatia

1. Pursuant to Article 10(1) and (3) 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'), Croatia submitted, through the General Secretariat of the Council, a new draft design for:
 - the national side of 1 euro circulation coin to be issued in the year of the introduction of the euro in Croatia, depicting a marten with the Croatian checkerboard in the background (as set out in document ST 8191/22), which replaced the previously submitted design that was deemed to be approved by the Council on 28 January 2022 (document ST 5632/22 + COR 1) and withdrawn by Croatia on 14 February 2022 (document ST 6228/22).
2. In accordance with Article 10(4) of the Council Regulation, any Member State whose currency is the euro could, 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 was likely to create adverse reactions among its citizens.

¹ OJ L 194, 2.7.2014, p. 1.

3. In accordance with Article 10(5) of the Council Regulation, where the Commission considered that the draft design did not respect the technical requirements set out by the Council Regulation, it had to submit a negative assessment to the Council.
4. No reasoned opinion or negative assessment had been submitted to the Council by 19 April 2022, which was the time limit set in accordance with Article 10(4) and (5) of the Council Regulation.
5. Therefore, pursuant to Article 10(6) of the Council Regulation, the decision approving the above-mentioned design is deemed to be adopted by the Council on 20 April 2022.
6. The Council decision referred to in point 4 of document ST 5632/22 + COR 1 is deemed repealed, on 20 April 2022, in regard of the earlier submitted design of the Croatian 1 euro circulation coin.
7. It is recalled that, in accordance with Article 10(8) of the Council Regulation, all relevant information on new national circulation coin designs shall be published by the Commission in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.
8. The Permanent Representatives Committee/Council are invited to take note of this Information Note as an 'I/A' item on the agenda of their forthcoming meetings.