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

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denominations and technical specifications of euro coins intended for circulation¹ (hereafter
'the Council Regulation'), Belgium submitted, on 11 May 2023, through the General
Secretariat of the Council, the draft design for:

   – a new 2 euro commemorative coin, intended to be issued in 2024, DELETED (set out
     in document 9272/23).

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.

4. No reasoned opinion or negative assessment had been submitted to the Council by 18 May 2023, which was the time limit set in accordance with Article 10(4) and (5) of the Council Regulation.

5. Belgium hereby re-submits, pursuant to Article 10 of 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 2024 (set out in Annex to the present note). The previous design approval procedure launched by document 9272/23 is thereby rendered void. It is therefore necessary to relaunch the approval procedure.

6. If no reasoned opinion or negative assessment has been submitted to the Council by 30 May 2023:

   – 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.²

7. 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.
