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### **CONTRIBUTION**

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Delegations will find attached comments from the Austrian delegation on the drafting suggestion and explanations from the Commission services related to Articles 57 (Protection of the financial interests of the Union) in the proposed Horizontal Regulation.

**Austrian Comments on document WK 10645/2020 from 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020 regarding “Drafting suggestions from the Commission”**

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013

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We thank the Commission for this working document related to Article 57 of the proposed HZR and we thank the Presidency for the given opportunity to comment on this proposal.

We support activities of preventing and combating irregularity and fraud of the EU funds. With regard to the proposed text in Article 57 we do not see the need for the additional letter da) at the moment. In our opinion, a possible use of this tool is already covered by the “procedures” mentioned in para 6 (Implementing Acts) of this Article; therefore the existing text could be left unchanged.

To assess whether this ARACHNE tool is a suitable instrument we would like to know, which entries are mandatory in the ARACHNE tool? We are wondering, if the ARACHNE tool would be in line with the General Data Protection Regulation.

A further in-depth analysis should be made and further information would be welcomed.

We welcome further discussions on this topic at one of the forthcoming video-meetings of the WP AGRIFIN.