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Delegations will find attached comments from the Greek 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.

**Greek comments on documents 10645/20 and 12512/20 regarding suggestions and explanations
from the Commission services related to Articles 57
(Protection of the financial interests of the Union) in the proposed Horizontal Regulation**

Greece supports any initiative aiming at preventing irregularities and fraud in relation to the use of European funds.

We do not anticipate any problems implementing the ARACHNE tool in the second pillar but we are still not certain what the requirements will be if we implement the tool in the first pillar.

At the present we consider that it is too early to make it mandatory, therefore we prefer to leave this tool on a voluntary basis or at least leave a sufficient transitional period for its implementation.