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From:	Chair of the Code of Conduct Group
To:	Code of Conduct Group (Business Taxation)
Subject:	(Draft) Council conclusions on the progress achieved by the Code of Conduct (Business Taxation) Group during the Finnish Presidency

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Delegations will find attached a document in view of the Code of Conduct Group (Business Taxation) on 14 November 2019.

**(Draft) Council conclusions on the progress achieved  
by the Code of Conduct (Business Taxation) Group during the Finnish Presidency**

With regard to the Code of Conduct (Business Taxation), the Council:

1. WELCOMES the progress achieved by the Code of Conduct Group during the Finnish Presidency as set out in its report (doc. xxxx/19 + ADDs);
2. INVITES the Group to continue its work under its multiannual work package 2018 (doc. 10420/18);
3. ENDORSES the standstill assessments agreed by the Group and ASKS the Group to continue monitoring standstill and the implementation of the rollback;
4. ENDORSES the guidance on notional interest deduction regimes set out in annex to the Group's report and INVITES Member States that would wish to implement this type of regime to follow it;
5. ENDORSES the assessment of Member States' compliance with the 2013 COCG Guidance on intermediate (financing, licensing) companies, and ASKS the Group to continue monitoring the implementation of its past guidance notes;
6. With regard to the EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes, ENDORSES the way the Group has resolved the procedural and political issues that arose in the process of monitoring the implementation of commitments taken by jurisdictions;
7. WELCOMES the results of the screening process of the three new jurisdictions covered in the geographical scope of the EU listing exercise and INVITES the Group to start the screening of the eight other jurisdictions already agreed to be screened in 2020;
8. INVITES the Group to start the assessment of the newly identified foreign source income exemption regimes listed in its report;
9. URGES the Group to resume discussions and find an agreement on future criterion 1.4 (exchange of beneficial ownership information);
10. ENDORSES the activity-based approach agreed by the Group in respect of requirements for partnerships under criterion 2.2 set out in annex to the Group's report and the common approach for activating exchange of information with jurisdictions under this same criterion;
11. [ENDORSES the guidance on further coordination of defensive measures in the tax area set out in annex to the Group's report;]
12. INVITES the Group to report back to the Council on its work during the Croatian Presidency.