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Dear colleagues,

As you know we have some difficulties with the fact that the CSRs 2020 leave out the more medium-term structural challenges. Last week the Council Secretariat has launched a written procedure for the approval of the CSRs. We intend to support the CSRs but would like to attach a written statement to that vote.

I send you this e-mail to check whether it is possible to make such a statement together with some likeminded member states. So please let me know, **before Wednesday cob**, if you can support such a statement and are willing to send it in on behalf of your country.

Our draft statement is the following:

“The Netherlands (...) recognize(s) that these are difficult times that need CSRs to focus on the immediate challenges resulting from the crisis. We therefore support the overall package of the CSRs for 2020. However, we are convinced that the medium- to long term structural challenges remain pressing, especially in the context of economic recovery. Although we appreciate the reference made in the recitals to the continued pertinence of the 2019 CSRs, the CSRs for 2020 do not fully address the structural challenges.

Therefore our support of the 2020 CSRs does not mean we consider them as sufficient for the proposed link between the Semester and the Recovery and Resilience Facility. It is imperative that the 2019 CSRs on structural challenges will remain relevant for identifying the challenges to be addressed in Recovery and Resilience Plans. The Netherlands (...) will continue to work constructively towards addressing this issue.

Furthermore, we expect that the CSRs of 2021 will include all medium- to long term challenges again, in order not to lose sight of the reforms that have to be implemented to ensure sustainable economic growth and increase our resilience.”

Best regards,

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